PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Seventy-third Annual Encampment
April 29, 30 and May 1, 1955
Boston, Massachusetts

AND THE

Seventy-fourth Annual Encampment
April 27, 28 and 29, 1956
Boston, Massachusetts

OF THE

Massachusetts Department, Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War

CHARLES W. HOOPER

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

SONS OF UNION VETERANS

OF THE CIVIL WAR

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

BRADFORD HOTEL, BOSTON, APRIL 29, 1955

The 73rd annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, opened at 2:20 p.m., Dept. Commander Charles H. Hooper presiding.

Chaplain Driver offered prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance was given and roll of officers called.

Past Commander Fred W. Butler was appointed Guide.

Commander-in-Chief Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, retired, was escorted to the platform.

National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert, S. V. Commander-in-Chief Col. Frederic G. Bauer and Council of Administration Member George W. Kimball were introduced.

Dept. Commander Hooper appointed the following Committees:

Encampment Committee

H. M. Drown, P.D.C.; W. O. Fuller, P.D.C.; A. A. Quinn, P.D.C.; H. F. Weiler, P.D.C.; C. H. E. Moran, P.C. in C.; Edwin Lennon, Council member, and John L. Day.

Credential Committee

Leon H. Palmer, Dept. Sec'ty; Earl W. Harrington, Camp 50; George L. White, Camp 37; George A. Adams, Camp 15; Edward B. Hooper, Camp 144; Eugene G. Wallingford, Camp 30.

Constitution and Regulations

Allen B. Howland, P.D.C.; Howard E. Waite, P.C., Camp 25; Fred Butler, P.C., Camp 104; William C. Rule, P.D.C.; Roger W. Hanners, P.C., Camp 6.

Ritual and Ceremonies

Henry F. Weiler, P.D.C.; Leon E. Howland, P.C., Camp 97; Alfred M. Bowen, P.C., Camp 15; James J. Dean, P.C., Camp 127; W. W. Tillson, Camp 26; Fred V. Bell, P.D.C.

Resolutions

Carder A. Perkins, P.D.C.; Parker B. Chandler, P.D.C.; Harold P. Kelley, P.C., Camp 60; LaForest E. Osborn, P.C., Camp 35; Clarence W. Howard, P.C., Camp 104.

Reports of Officers

Charles H. E. Moran, P.C., in C.; Addison A. Quinn, P.D.C.; Thomas L. Crawford, P.D.C.; William O. Fuller, P.D.C.; Henry Bowen, P.C., Camp 6.

Restoration of Past Rank

William W. Haskell, P.D.C.; Roy C. Call, P.D.C.; Lester D. Hobson, P.D.C.; Louis E. Winchell, P.D.C.

Publicity

George Wm. Kimball, P.D.C. and P.S.; Harold M. Drown, P.D.C.; Herbert W. Bogue, P.C., Camp 115; and William Cohen, Camp 9.

Greetings

Auxiliary:

Charles H. E. Moran, P.C. in C.; Addison A. Quinn, P.D.C.; William C. Rule, P.D.C.; John Mitcheson, P.C., Camp 81; Herbert L. Smith, P.D.C.

Womans Relief Corps:

Millard F. Brown, Dept. S.V.C., Camp 35; Alfred M. Bowen, P.C., Camp 15; Harold P. Shepardson, P.D.C.; Howard E. Waite, Camp 15.

Daughters of Union Veterans:

Carder A. Perkins, P.D.C.; Robert L. Wood, P.C., Camp 30; Arthur C. Pray, P.C., Camp 56.

Ladies of the G.A.R.:

Louis E. Winchell, P.D.C.; Ralph P. Bickmore, P.C., Camp 34; Emerson Whitman, J.V.C., Camp 62.

The Credential Committee reported attendance of 38.

The Dept. Commander read his report.

Commander-in-Chief Grant was presented, spoke very interestingly, and was responded to by Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran.

Treasurer Hunt moved Dept. Commander's report be referred to Committee on Officers' Reports, and motion was carried.

Past Dept. Commander Rule moved that all reports, after reading, be referred to same committee and motion was carried.

Dept. S. V. Commander Brown, Dept. J. V. Commander Whitman, Dept. Secretary Palmer, Treasurer Hunt read reports.

Past Dept. Commander Rule moved a rising vote of thanks be given Treasurer Hunt, and motion was carried.

The reports of the Executive Committee and Dept. Counselor Bauer were read by Treasurer Hunt.

Dept. Organizer Waite read his report.

Dept. Chief-of-Staff Bowen gave verbal report.

Dept. Patriotic Instructor, Chairman G.A.R. Highway Committee and Chairman Graves Registration Committee asked until tomorrow to submit reports and time was granted.

Dept. Council would report tomorrow as would the Committee on Revision of By-Laws.

Chairman Day of Banquet Committee reported 80 tickets already sold for the Banquet.

Past Dept. Commander Weiler announced a meeting of Camp 61 at 6:30 in the Oval Room.

Organizer Waite submitted the following resolutions, both of which were carried.

RESOLUTIONS

A Proposition:

Be it herein enacted at the 1955 State Department Convention that the Dept. Counselor be instructed to prepare with such help as he may desire, a bill, to be presented to the Massachusetts State legislature, asking that Memorial Day be removed from the list of holidays included in a bill passed in 1954, which would be celebrated on Monday nearest the old established date, providing 31 other states pass similar legislation before the end of 1956.

Submitted

HOWARD E. WAITE
Department Organizer.

A Proposition:

That the Massachusetts State Department notify the Commander-in-Chief that similar legislation (as passed in Massachusetts in 1954 regarding celebrating holidays on Monday nearest date) will be presented to all the states in the United States for action during 1955 and 1956. That the Commander-in-Chief be urged to take action at the National Convention in 1955 to notify all departments of this expected legislation and for each State Department to be on the alert for same and to vigorously oppose such legislation. Also for the Commander-in-Chief to go on record as opposed to such legislation and to notify the Governors or some other suitable state official of the position of the Sons of Union Veterans and to do everything possible to prevent 31 other states in the Union from adopting same legislation.

Submitted

HOWARD E. WAITE
Department Organizer.

P. C. in C. Moran proposed the following changes in the Constitution and Regulations and same were adopted.

In Article VIII: In 15th line, eliminate the words "By not less than 10 Departments" and insert therein "ratified by not less than 50 per cent of the Departments."

In Section 2 of Article IV, 2nd paragraph, on page 12, eliminate that the camp may appoint its secretary or treasurer or secretary-treasurer, etc. Add to 1st paragraph of Article IV, line 4, after words Camp Council, the following: "secretary and treasurer or secretary-treasurer."

Article V, page 4. Add a new paragraph. "No. 5. Eligibles from states where no Department exists may become members-at-large of National Headquarters. Dues for such members shall be $5.00 per annum which shall include subscription to The Banner. Members-at-large attending the National Encampment shall elect from their membership one delegate to represent them and further delegates shall be based on the same ratio as provided for Departments. The initiation fee shall be $5.00 which sum shall be placed in the permanent fund.

The Committee on Constitution and Regulations recommend the changes as submitted be forwarded to National with endorsement of this Department.

ALLEN B. HOWLAND, P.D.C.
HOWARD E. WAITE, P.C.
FRED W. BUTLER, P.C.
WILLIAM C. RULE, P.D.C.

Past Dept. Commander Wolff moved that all delegates to National Encampment be endorsed by two Convention members. Carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran made the following presentation.

Whereas, for a period of twenty-five (25) years, Leon H. Palmer, has served this Department, as Secretary in a competent manner, be it

Resolved that in accordance with Article 2, Section 1 of the C. and R., he be given the service recognition by the bestowal on him of the rank of Past Department Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD P. SHEPARDSON
GEORGE WM. KIMBALL
PARKER B. CHANDLER
CARDER A. PERKINS
ROY C. CALL
WILLIAM W. HASKELL
ADDISON A. QUINN
GEORGE E. HUNT
WILLIAM O. FULLER
LOUIS E. WINCHELL, SR.
WILLIAM C. RULE
FREDERIC T. BELL
HAROLD M. DROWN
FREDERIC G. BAUER
HENRY F. WEILER
ALLEN B. HOWLAND
CHARLES H. E. MORAN,
Past Dept. Commanders

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

For Commander: Millard F. Brown, nominated by P.D.C. Wm. W. Haskell; LaForest E. Osborn, nominated by P.D.C. Wm. O. Fuller.

For Senior Vice Commander: Emerson Whitman, nominated by D.P.C. James G. Wolff; John L. Day, nominated by P.D.C. Carder A. Perkins.

For Junior Vice Commander: George D. Lamarsh, nominated by P.D.C. Wm. C. Rule.

For Council: Howard E. Waite, nominated by P.D.C. Harold M. Drown; Edwin J. Lennon, nominated by P.C.C. C. H. E. Moran; Charles W. Hooper, nominated by P.D.C. Allen B. Howland; Vernard L. Gordon, nominated by J.V.C. John L. Day.

For Executive Committee: Addison A. Quinn, nominated by P.D.C. Parker B. Chandler.

On motion of Counselor Bauer it was voted that where no further names to be filled the Secretary cast one ballot.

Gordon withdraws.

Counselor Bauer offered the following which was endorsed.

RESOLUTION ON UNITED NATIONS

Resolved; that the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, oppose any amendment to the United Nations charter which will in any way allow it to interfere in the internal affairs or foreign relations of the United States, and favor such amendments in the U. N. charter as will insure that no action of the U. N. shall become valid, as part of the domestic law of any constituent nation until implemented by the national legislature.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Herewith is a summarized report of my activities during my term of office as your Department Commander and its accomplishments.

A year ago you elected me to the highest office in this Department which it is in your power to give, to serve as its Commander and leader. For this I was most grateful. I can say sincerely that it was one of the happiest events in my life.

In bringing my term of office to a close, I wish to thank all members of the Department sincerely and humbly for the honor and privilege conferred upon me.

Working for the Grand Army of the Republic and our Order, the Sons of Union Veterans, is the foremost of many of my ambitions. The many associations enjoyed in connection with holding this office this year will never be forgotten. Relationships with Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, Veteran organizations, Patriotic groups and all others have been most enjoyable and constructive.

Many visitations were made by me representing the Department. I went whenever and wherever possible. I was received with every respect due to the Department Commander by heads of the above-mentioned Orders, their general memberships, friends and all.

Much can be done by talking about the Order, its principles and objects and applying them, thereby taking our place in civic life by letting people know that we are carrying on.

Representing the Department as its delegate, I attended the National Encampment at Duluth, Minnesota, where Comrade Albert Woolson, last Veteran of the Union Army and member of the Grand Army of the Republic, was honored.

I assure you that to be in the presence of this fine old gentleman and veteran was a pleasure which will never be forgotten. The National Encampment was an event which was enjoyed very much. I will mention important events there further in this report.

I was privileged twice during my term of office to attend and bring greetings to conventions of allied orders.

To Mrs. Iva M. Nash, Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Alice Peabody, Ladies of the G.A.R.; Mrs. Marie F. Doherty, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and last but not to be forgotten, my good running mate, Department President of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Marguerite Mitcheson, I tender my heartfelt thanks for their inspiration and assistance. Sister Mitcheson brought me reports from Camps which I was unable to visit.

Living in the eastern part of the state, I appointed several Brothers in the western part to represent the Department on several occasions and I extend my thanks to them.

On May 15th the Watertown Arsenal dedicated a new Metals Progressing Laboratory in memory of Brigadier General Thomas J. Rodman who served there during the Civil War, 1859-1865. Several Sons and Sister Mitcheson and I attended.

A delegation headed by your Department Commander attended Memorial exercises sponsored by the Department of Rhode Island and the Amos P. Chapman Camp, S.U.V., dedicated to soldiers and sailors who fought in the Civil War. Commander in Chief, Major General Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd U.S.A. Ret., presided.

For several years Past Department Commander Roy C. Call has attended meetings of the Memorial services held at the Veterans Shrine, Fens Stadium, a memorial for Veterans of all wars. I attended with him this year and recommend that the incoming Commander contact John D. Brown, Director of the Public Celebrations Committee of Boston, and assure him of the readiness of our Department to assist in these exercises in any way possible. By so doing we would gain prestige and recognition.

Your Commander attended all receptions to Department heads of Allied Orders.

Our Friendly Relations Committee working with like committees from the other G.A.R. orders again this year held a meeting in Malden and netted a small profit. This sum was added to sum made a year ago and check given to the Soldiers Home in Chelsea to purchase medical books in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

To the County Associations of the Department I extend my thanks for their support and many courtesies shown me throughout the year. These Associations help our organization tremendously in assisting weak Camps of the Department. The County Associations sponsor programs on Patriotic and Dedication days.

National Encampment

The National Encampment, held at Duluth, Minn., and honoring Comrade Albert Woolson, was one of real importance and several items of legislation were passed.

First in importance was the granting of a Federal Charter for our Order thus starting our organization on a new era.

Another was the acceptance of Associates to our Order, enabling men not eligible to join with us. I hope this will be a means of increased membership.

A new wording of the Pledge of Allegiance was adopted, adding the words "under God".

The Past Commanders and Past Presidents Associations are hard working units of our Order and again sponsored a well planned Washington and Lincoln program which was well attended.

The New England Regional Association, consisting of the six New England Departments, held inspiring meetings which were instructive and of much benefit to the Order. Massachusetts was host at the meeting held this year, a good number attending.

The report of G.A.R. Memorial Highway Committee was most inspiring both nationally and to our own state of Massachusetts. My thanks to Past Department Commander, William W. Haskell and his Committee for a job well done.

Our National G.A.R. Committee urges us all, now that the result is obtained for Route #6, not to let our interest lag, but to support its upkeep in every way possible.

I want to express my thanks to Brother Howard E. Waite, Department Organizer and Graves Registration Officer, for jobs well done. He has made successful contacts with Camps, keeping them in the fold and in good standing.

The several District Commanders have been of assistance to me and I extend thanks.

To my entire staff of officers, committee appointments and all, I sincerely thank you for your support. The help of Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, Department Counselor and Department Personal Aide have been most helpful. They are of great assistance to any Commander. The Department Council has done a swell job in investments of our funds with great benefit to the Department.

The work of all Committees has been outstanding. The Encampment Committee has gone all out to make the 73rd annual Encampment one of real success.

The happy associations with allied groups will long be remembered.

To Captain Nahum Leonard Camp #144 and its Auxiliary, words fail me in saying thank you for the fine reception tendered me on October 9, 1954. My thanks to all who came and assisted in any way.

Again I say it has been a pleasure to serve as your Commander. I have tried my best to fill all expectations and sincerely pledge my support to the incoming officers and the Order in general in the future.

In Memoriam

The Department deeply regrets the passing of the following:

Senior Vice Commander in Chief John W. Emery, who was also our Department Chaplain and a Past Department Commander, and

Past Department Commander Guy Richardson, and

Past Department Commander Ralph L. Smith, and all deceased members of the Order.

Recommendations

1. That the Senior Vice Department Commander continue as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee to raise money for the General Fund of the Department.

2. That the Junior Vice Commander be chairman of the Membership Committee.

3. That the Friendly Relations Committee be appointed to carry on and work with allied Orders as in the past.

4. That the County Associations be requested to assist in supporting the General Fund of the Department.

5. That one-third of Patriotic Fund, raised by the Patriotic Instructor, be retained by the Department for Patriotic work.

6. That the incoming Commander contact the Director of Public Celebrations Committee of the City of Boston, as soon as possible to be able to work with them in planning Memorial services at the Veterans Shrine, Fens Stadium, a Memorial to Veterans of all wars.

7. The consolidation of weak Camps with stronger Camps, if possible. If and when a Camp disbands, measures be taken to save members by having them join Department as members at large or State Camp.

8. That Commissions for Installing Officers be restored.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
CHARLES W. HOOPER, Department Commander

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

New Bedford, Massachusetts
April 6, 1955.

Charles W. Hooper, Department Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Dear Commander and Brothers: — It has been a pleasure to serve you as your Senior Vice Commander this year, and I wish to extend to you brothers my sincere thanks in allowing me that privilege.

In the course of the year as your Senior Vice Commander, I had the opportunity to attend the Rhode Island Convention in April and the Dedication of a Civil War Cannon in the Ashway Cemetery in May. Also I attended the Encampment in Maine in June at which time Commander Hooper and I had the pleasure of installing the Department Officers of that state. Throughout the year I visited a number of Camps and Auxiliaries to help "Carry On" Our Objects and Desires in Life.

Other functions of interest and importance were the Pioneer Valley Veterans' Night, the Department Commander's and Department President's receptions, both of which I will long remember. The Friendly Relations Banquet in Malden was another happy memory. The Washington-Lincoln Banquet held in Roxbury by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Associations was still another outstanding event. In my own County, I attended a number of affairs including their Washington-Lincoln Banquet. I journeyed to some of the get-togethers held by the North Metropolitan Association. These are just some of the affairs I attended to help in my small way build up Our Order.

Realizing we, Sons, cannot live long on just pleasures, I had a job to perform — raising funds for our Welfare. This I proceeded to do by not pushing the brothers too hard, knowing well the conditions of the country in regards to employment at the present period. I sent out chance cards on a set of book-ends which was won by Brother Thomas B. Maloney, Commander of the Rockland Camp. At this time I wish to thank Brother Past Department Commander Harold P. Shepardson for his donation of the chance cards.

In closing, permit me to state that I have certainly enjoyed this year as your Senior Vice Commander, meeting old friends and making new. My sincere thanks to one and all for the donations throughout the year which helped make my year a success. To the Department Secretary, Leon H. Palmer, my thanks for the fine cooperation given to me this year.

My recommendation is that the Senior Vice Commander of the Department continue to carry on with this fund raising project.

I remain yours for further service,

In F., C. and L.,
MILLARD F. BROWN,
Department Senior Vice Commander

Personal Donations:

Helen F. Brown	$3.50
Mary C. Sampson	5.00
Fred Bowen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Millard Brown	11.00
Plymouth County Association	5.00
	$26.50

Receipts from Chances on Book-ends:

Camp 112 Oxford	$1.00
81 Chelsea	2.00
11 Whitman	1.00
35 New Bedford	1.00
69 Pembroke	1.00
62 Everett	2.00
50 Rockland	2.00
67 Abington	1.00
144 Bridgewater	2.00
5 Hudson	2.00
61 Boston	1.00
15 Springfield	2.00
17 Brockton	1.50
4 Plymouth	2.00
55 Southbridge	1.00
26 Taunton	2.00
1 Lynn	1.00
143 Norwell	1.00
14 Cambridge	1.00
79 Melrose	1.00
30 Dorchester	1.00

6 Beverly	2.00
34 Wakefield	2.00
Plymouth County Association	3.15
Aux. 1 New Bedford	2.00
28 Whitman	1.00
Harold P. Shepardson (Nat. Con.)	5.00
Herbert Hobart	3.00
Frank Brown	1.00
Nathaniel Gibbs	1.00
Wm. O. Fuller, Sr.	1.00
Carder Perkins	2.00
Mary C. Sampson	2.00
	$ 54.65
Game Party	$ 18.85
Grand Total	$100.00

MILLARD F. BROWN

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

During my term of office as Junior Vice Department Commander I have visited as many Camps and Allied Orders as possible. I have attended all but one of the No. Met. Dist. Association meetings. Also I have attended the Regional held at The Weirs and the one held in Boston. Before and on Memorial Day I have conducted the activities of the Camp of which I am Commander, and also I have assisted in the exercises of another Camp on that day.

There was once 9600 members belonging to our Order. There are now only 1438. During the past year we have taken in 39 members and lost 87, either by death or resignation. Although this is an increase in members over previous years, yet the increase should be greater. In my opinion, the Camps should strive to present more interesting and instructive programs, so that members may feel that the time attending the meetings is well spent and as a result, be enthusiastic in urging eligibles to join. I recommend that a committee be formed in the Department to study the situation and to see what can be done to assist the camps in securing new members.

I wish to express my appreciation of being accorded the honor and privilege of serving as Junior Vice Department Commander. I want to thank all the Camps and Allied Orders for the special invitations which I have received, and also to thank them for the many courtesies and honors extended me. Best wishes to my successor.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
EMERSON WHITMAN
Junior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

April 29, 1955

During the term 1954-1955 the Department Council held several meetings at Department Headquarters, Boston, Mass., with Edward J. Lennon serving as Chairman, Arthur C. Pray as Secretary, and John L. Day as 3rd member.

The Second Bank-State Street Trust Company was continued as depository for the Department, and safe deposit box was also continued in the same bank.

It was voted to furnish bonds for Department Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer.

In accordance with the vote of the 1954 Department Encampment, Secretary Leon H. Palmer was requested to have Proceedings printed.

A most generous and welcome gift in the sum of $267.00 from the Massachusetts S.U.V. Auxiliary was acknowledged with sincere appreciation. Also acknowledged with pleasure were the efforts of the Ways and Means Committee under Sr. Vice Commander Millard Brown in raising funds for the Department.

The Department learned with deep regret of the death of Sr. Vice Commander in Chief and Past Department Commander John W. Emery; and they noted the further loss of Past Department Commanders Guy Richardson and Ralph L. Smith. Sincere sympathy is felt for the families of our late beloved brothers and their passing will be indeed a great loss to the Department.

Colonel Frederick G. Bauer was appointed Sr. Vice Commander in Chief to serve the balance of the year and continued his appreciated efforts for the good of our Order.

During the past year the S.U.V. under the leadership of its distinguished Commander in Chief, U. S. Grant 3rd, and through the efforts of leading members of our Organization, obtained a National Charter. Our Order has been fortunate in having a descendant of such a distinguished veteran as our Commander. The caliber of other national and department officers remains high, and many have given unselfishly of their time and efforts in promoting the well-being of our entire Order.

Massachusetts Department S.U.V. sponsored or took part in many excellent social and fraternal affairs during the year. Among these were the banquet and entertainment of the Friendly Relations Committee in which Dept. Com. Charles W. Hooper served as Chairman of the S.U.V. Committee. Through this successful affair medical books were purchased for the Chelsea Naval Hospital in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

General George B. McClellan Camp of the Pioneer Valley Association had a well planned and attended Dedication Day Program and Banquet. The Past Commanders and Past Presidents

Lincoln and Washington Banquet was enjoyed tremendously by the many who attended. Lincoln Memorial Services sponsored by our Department were held in Park Square, Boston. The Governor's Reception at the Hall of Flags also had a large turnout.

The Department of Massachusetts was host to the New England Regional meeting at the Hotel Bradford. North Metropolitan was also very active and did its continued splendid work in sponsoring and conducting various fraternal meetings and socials.

There were many other affairs that are not mentioned here, and they were the result of excellent work and application on the part of many individuals who worked so hard for the good of the Order, the Council expresses its sincere thanks and praise.

Well planned programs and activities will surely increase interest and membership in our Order.

Finally, the Council wishes to express its sincere thanks to Department Commander Charles W. Hooper, Secretary Leon H. Palmer, members of the Executive Committee, and to all others who have been so helpful in the past year.

Fraternally submitted,
EDWIN J. LENNON, Chairman
JOHN L. DAY, 3rd Member
Department Council

Estimated Budget for Year 1955-56

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Per Capita Tax on 1438 members @ $1.00	$1,438.00
Membership Fees on 30 members @ $1.00	30.00
Interest from Permanent Fund	575.00
Donations	300.00
Office Rent, from Auxiliary	112.50
Telephone, from Auxiliary	55.00
For Lights, from Auxiliary	8.00
Supplies	25.00
1955 Encampment Fund Registration, etc.	100.00
Ways and Means Committee	46.00
	$2,689.50

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS

Per Capita Tax on 1438 members @ .60c	$ 862.80
Membership Fees on 30 members @ .50c	15.00
1955 Encampment Expense	100.00
Salary of Department Secretary	500.00
Department Commander's Exp. for Nat'l Encampment	100.00
Department Commander's Travel Expense	75.00
Postage, Printing, Stationery	144.00
Electric Lights	16.00
Telephone	110.00
Office Rent	300.00
Badge for Department Commander	10.00
Bank Service Charges	8.00
Safe Deposit Box	6.00
Donation to Dept. Auxiliary Ways & Means Com.	50.00
Officers' Bond Premiums	7.50

Printing Proceedings, 1955 Encampment, also 1954	285.00
Miscellaneous Expense	15.20
American Coalition Subscription	10.00
Printing Rosters (200) Mass. Dep. S.U.V.C.W.	75.00
	$2,689.50

Fraternally submitted,
EDWIN J. LENNON, Chairman
JOHN L. DAY, 3rd. Member
Department Council

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your chaplain, having been in office only a short time—since Spring—there is no special activity to report; except preparation for and participation in the exercises of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, now being held at the Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass., April 29, 30 and May 1, 1955.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,
REVEREND GEORGE HIBBERT DRIVER, Chaplain
April 30, 1955.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Outside of routine matters of advice the only matter of moment which has been brought to my attention is an organization of women who are using the name of the Grand Army improperly. Application has been made to Comrade Woolson to authorize a suit in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic to have this use enjoined.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER,
Department Counselor

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

April 30, 1955

Brothers:

I would like at this time to thank Dept. Com. Charles W. Hooper for appointing me Dept. P. I. for this year. Also Brother Leon Palmer, Dept. Sec., for his fine co-operation.

To the many Camps and Brothers and many friends that donated to the Dept. P. I. Fund I say thank you sincerely.

I have $84.00 for the Dept. P. I. Fund.

It has been a pleasure to serve my Department.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

CANDER A. PERKINS, Dept. P. I.

Suggestions and Recommendations

A plea to the public to display the flag on all legal holidays.

An appeal to all schools to do the same (elementary and institutions of higher learning as well).

The most effective procedure to increase membership would be to use the same four words for a motto that every salesman learns, "Ask them to buy."

Give small flags to playground children on July 4th.

Print American Creed cards and distribute them in public and parochial schools.

Camp maintain patriotic fund to supply large flags to schools and Boy Scouts.

Do away with vendors selling balloons, etc., on May 30th.

Camps make united effort to have stores closed all of May 30th.

Encourage use of Flag Ways so that every place of business would have flags placed outside their stores and factories.

Stop sale of liquor on May 30th.

Stop use of bunting as altar cloths by urging the return of "Old Glory," keeping Holy Bible and Flag united.

Establish G.A.R. Library for Books, Magazines, Mementos, and Pictures. Invite visitors.

Public Discourtesies to the Flag

Camp 11 of Whitman has trouble in cemeteries. Children rip flags from staffs to use them as arrows for their bows. Much destruction of markers. Serious defacement of Soldiers' Monument in local park with lipstick, etc. Protest registered to police.

Flag on one schoolhouse in Chelsea at topmast all day May 30th. Complaint registered. Party responsible reprimanded and instructed.

Names and Addresses of Members Who Gave Addresses

Benjamin Dexter, P.C., 1318 Tremont St., Roxbury, Mass.
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REPORT OF DEPARTMENT ORGANIZER

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

As your Organizer this year I have varied my activities, to try and find the answer as to what is necessary to start the order on an upward trend. I joined a Camp about 30 miles away in regular method paying initiation fee and dues so as to be able to find out what is needed to improve a camp that is holding regular meetings but getting no where. I have visited eight communities where camps are located—Athol, Winchendon, Barre, Leominster, Southbridge, Fiskdale, Upton, Milford—in an attempt to hold meetings singularly or jointly. I have written thirty letters to communities too far away to travel to without assurance of a meeting—Webster, North Adams, Adams, Pittsfield, Natick, Townsend, Ayer, etc. I find from my membership in a distant camp and from my visits and from about 10 replies received that there is a good sized spark of interest in every community which can be fanned into a roaring flame of accomplishment if sufficient interest and application is put into it. In order to get camps into some degree of activity I recommended the incoming Department Comm. re-establish the inspection of camps. This is definitely needed and that Organizers be appointed to have care of no more than

4 camps each. This will necessitate 20 men in the order who will be willing to work at building up the order, these organizers will inspect the camp and help it to get new members and hold regular meetings.

HOWARD E. WAITE

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESS SECRETARY

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Chelsea, April 30, 1955

As Department Publicity Secretary I wish to thank the city editors of the Boston Globe and Boston Post and especially to the editor of the Chelsea Record who gave me over 500 inches of space to further the patriotic work of our honored Order — Past Department Commander Harold M. Drown has been most co-operative in the supply of hints to live news.

To Dept. Comm. Hooper—I say thanks—for his co-operation.

The Banner has co-operated by giving our Department the greatest amount of space during the past year.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

GEORGE WM. KIMBALL,
Dept. Press Secretary

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Springfield, Mass., April 29, 1955

A year ago our Dept. Commander asked me to serve as Dept. Chief of Staff. I regret that owing to the nature of my work I was unable to do all I wanted to during the year.

I did however attend the observance of Dedication Day held by the Pioneer Valley Ass'n in Holyoke, Nov. 19, 1954.

I also represented our Dept. at the 75th Anniversary of E. K. Wilcox Woman's Relief Corps held at Springfield, Mass., March 26, 1955.

I have also been active in the meetings of the Pioneer Valley Ass'n and all the affairs of my own Camp 15.

I would recommend that the Sons of Union Veterans endeavor to have Gen. Logan's Memorial Day Order read in all our schools as a part of their Memorial Day exercises.

Sorry I was unable to do more, I remain yours in F., C. and L.,

ALFRED M. BOWEN, Dept. C. S.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL AIDE

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

April 27, 1955

My top duties as personal Aide to Commander Hooper involved the reception in his honor, where and when I had a major part and as chairman of encampment committee. Many times I attended functions with him and, or other officers. A very active and an enjoyable year. Many times the commander was more of a personal aide to me, making it possible for me to get home, in the late hours of the night.

The outstanding occasion I had the pleasure to represent him was the the Vermont Encampment of allied orders in 1954 at Bellows Falls. The Personal Aide accompanied our commander to New Hampshire for the 1955 Encampment of allied orders at Concord and to Palmer, Mass. to attend the reception for Dept. Pres., W. R. C. Mrs. Iva M. Nash.

Reluctantly, I was called to perform, officially, at funeral rites for Past Nat. Patriotic Instructor Guy Richardson; Past Sr. Vice Comdr. Theodore Leutz, and Sister Annie T. Santos, Past Dept. Pres., Ladies of the G. A. R. and secretary emeritus of the Friendly Relations Committee of Grand Army Family.

Never a moment have I been ashamed of my faith in "Charlie" Hooper. He has always merited the confidence I've placed in him, over the past decade. Never was it evidenced more strikingly than at a North Metropolitan Assoc. meeting in Cambridge. Not having an acquaintance with Comdr. Frank Johnson, comparable to what some of us veterans of the Sons of Veterans have had, nevertheless, Commander Hooper was constantly attentive to Frank, personally conducting him about the spacious and intricate environs of City Hall Annex. He seemed to heed Frank's every need.

Then at a later date when E-Mayor "Ed" Crane and Vice Mayor "Hymie" Pill were taken in as "associates"; an event that meant more than all else in Bro. Frank's life, he accorded to Commander "Charlie" the honor of pinning on the badges. Is it any wonder Frank Johnson replied two years before (when accosted in a restaurant at Swampscott and referring to "Charlie" Hooper "Yes sir, he's my man"?

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

HAROLD M. DROWN
Dept. Personal Aide

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The Department Executive Committee has held two meetings during the year, each with an attendance of 11 out of the 13 members.

At each meeting matters pertaining to the invested funds of the Department were acted upon.

At the meeting on April 1955 the matter of caring for the graves in cemeteries where there is a question of the responsible Camp being able to continue the work was considered and a tentative plan for handling the situation was suggested.

It was also voted that when a Camp's charter is surrendered or forfeited the members in good standing shall be automatically transferred to membership-at-large and that the dues of all members at large include subscription to The Banner.

The attendance of the members of the Committee speaks well for their interest in the welfare of the Department.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER, Chm.

REPORT OF TREASURER

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The following is my report as Treasurer of the Special Funds of the Department for the year ending March 31, 1955.

George C. Marshall Post No. 136, Rutland, Mass.

Amount of Fund March 31, 1954		$536.80
Received during the year:		
Dividends on Fitchburg Gas & Electric stock	$27.00	
Interest on Bank Balance	3.07	
Making total received	$30.07	
Same deposited in Bank		30.07
Making total March 31, 1955		$566.87
Making the account made up as follows:		
8 Shares Com. Stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., certif. 14040, cost	$396.00	
1 Share Com. Stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., certif. 18717, cost	46.00	
Amount in Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	124.87	
Making total amount of the Fund March 31, 1955		$566.87

A gain for the year of $30.07.

Benjamin J. Loring Fund

Amount of Fund March 31, 1954	$675.27	
Added during the year the balance to pay the amount due on borrowed money	117.68	
Bank interest added during the year	21.29	
Making the total amount of the Fund in the Home Savings Bank Book 258021, March 31, 1955		$814.24

G. A. R. Memorial Fund

Amount in Home Savings Bank Book 479888, March 31, 1954	$43.89	
Interest added during the year	1.31	
Making total amount of the Fund, March 31, 1955		$45.20

Theodore Winthrop Camp 81, Chelsea Fund

Received during the year Dividends on 20 shares stock in the Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co. amounting to $60.00 which I have paid to the Treasurer of the Camp making the Fund March 31, 1955 as follows:		
20 Shares Com. Stock in the Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., certif. 13423, cost	$1,000.00	
On deposit in the Suffolk First Federal Savings and Loan Assn.	44.30	
Making the total amount of Fund March 31, 1955		$1,044.30

A small amount of interest is due to be added.

Margaret Myers Fund

Amount of Fund March 31, 1954	$358.72	
Dividend from United Fruit Co. stock	15.00	
Interest added to bank account	7.26	
		$380.98
Less amount paid to Camp 56 for care of lot in Cambridge Cemetery		12.00
Making total amount of Fund March 31, 1955		$368.98
Made up as follows:		
5 Shares Com. Stock United Fruit Co., certif. H225440 cost	$269.70	
Balance on deposit in the Suffolk First Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Book 3661	99.28	
		$368.98

Bay State Camp No. 61 Trust Fund

April 30, 1954 Received check from Treasurer		$150.71
Oct. 13, 1954 Received check from Treasurer		10.50
Received dividend on stock N. E. Electric System		4.50
Making total amount received		$165.71
The above invested as follows:		
10 Shares Com. Stock New Eng. Electric System bought Apr. 30, 1954, certif. B063630, cost	$150.71	
1 Share Stock N. E. Electric System, bought Oct. 13, 1954, certif. BO 76788, cost	15.00	
		$165.71
Dividend on hand Jan. 1955		2.48
Showing total amount of the Fund March 31, 1955		$168.19

Couden-Higginson Camp No. 56 Fund

Total amount of Fund March 31, 1954			$1,870.93
Dividends received during the year as follows:			
United Fruit Co.		$30.00	
Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.		51.75	
Western Mass. Cos.		22.00	
Making total dividends received		$103.75	
Cash on hand March 31, 1954 to be deposited		77.17	
Making total of		$180.92	
and as follows:			
Balance as per last report	$110.07		
Cost of converting Bond of Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. into 1 share of stock	34.97		
Paid to Camp 56 for dues of 17 members at $2.50 each	42.50		
Making total amount used	$187.54		
Making amount to be taken from Bank March 31, 1955	6.62		
Showing the amount as follows March 31, 1955:			
Balance Cambridgeport Savings Bank Book 207496			$200.86
10 Shares Com. Stock United Fruit Co., certif. H0225441, cost			539.40
5 Shares Com. Stock Am. Tel. & Tel. Co., certif. BE 93307, cost			776.00
1 Share Com. Stock Am. Tel. & Tel. Co., certif. 3243498, cost			140.11
10 Shares Com. Stock Western Mass. Co., certif. 114149, cost			330.00
1 Share Com. Stock Western Mass. Co., certif. 128076, cost			29.60
Making total amount of the Fund March 31, 1955			$2,015.97
Less amount due as above			6.62
Total amount of Fund			$2,009.35

Error in reporting stock cost of Western Mass. Co. should have reported as $330.00 reported as $380.00 last year.

Arnold Williams Coppenhagen Fund

Amount of Fund as reported March 31, 1954			$6,431.33
Dividends received during the year as follows:			
United Fruit Co.		$60.00	
Western Mass. Cos.		56.00	
Ludlow Mfg. Co.		40.00	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.		40.00	
Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.		139.50	
Making a total of		$335.50	

Used as follows:			
To pay balance due on Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. Bonds as per last report	$156.25		
To pay cost of converting 2 Bonds of Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. into Com. Stock	69.94		
Deposited in Provident Inst. for Savings, Book 666476	20.00		
Deposited in Charlestown Savings Bank, Book 233893	89.31		
Making total of		335.50	
Details of the Fund March 31, 1955:			
20 Shares Com. Stock United Fruit Co., certif. H0225442, cost			$1,078.81
25 Shares Com. Stock Western Mass.. Cos., certif. 95576, cost			887.50
3 Shares Com. Stock Western Mass. Cos., certif. 128076, cost			88.80
5 Shares Com. Stock N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., certif. 251123, cost			569.43
25 Shares Com. Stock Ludlow Mfg. Co., certif. 37811, cost			720.00
14 Shares Com. Stock Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. (2 shares certif. M 361459; 2 shares certif. M 306217; 10 shares certif. BK 98378)			2,134.07
2 Shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. stock, part of certif. S 243998 for 6 shares, cost			269.94
Balance in Provident Inst. for Savings March 31, 1954		$417.61	
Deposited during the year		20.00	
Interest added		12.62	
Making amount in Provident Inst. for Savings Book 666476 March 31, 1955			$450.23
Balance in Charlestown Savings Bank March 31, 1954		$491.36	
Withdrawn during the year to pay for Memorial Day expenses:			
For Band	$135.00		
M.T.A. buses	10.38		
		145.38	
Leaving Balance of		$345.98	
Interest added to April 15, 1954		14.73	
Making a total of		$360.71	
Deposits in March 1955		89.31	

Interest added to Oct. 1954	5.40	
Making total in Charlestown Savings Bank March 31, 1955, Book 233893		455.42
Making total amount of the Fund March 31, 1955		$6,654.20

Permanent Fund

Total amount of the Fund March 31, 1954		$10,029.11
Received during the year Dividends as follows:		
Bird & Son	$50.00	
Haverhill Gas Light Co.	122.50	
Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co.	12.00	
Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	191.25	
Ludlow Mfg. Co.	100.00	
Plymouth Cordage Co.	46.50	
Eastern Utilities	4.00	
Heywood Wakefield Co.	31.25	
S. D. Warren Co.	25.00	
Chapman Valve Co.	56.25	
Making the total amount received which I paid into the General Fund of the Department to be used in carrying on the work of the Department.		638.75
		$10,667.86

The details of the Fund March 31, 1955 as follows:

Balance of amount received for a Govt. Bond	$1,694.86	
Invested as follows:		
April 1954 Balance to convert 3 A.T.&T. Bonds into Three Shares of Stock, part of certif. S 243998	$104.91	
April 1954 25 Shares Com. Stock in Chapman Valve Co., certif. 35642, cost	1,031.25	
Jan. 1955 1 Share Com. Stock dividend certif. F 3626		
Feb. 8, 1955 1 Share Com. Stock certif. F 5437, cost	38.63	
Total cost of 27 shares — $1,069.88.		
Apr. 1954 25 Shares Com. Stock S. D. Warren Co., certif. B08971, cost	468.75	
Making total amount received from Bonds and as above	$1,643.54	
Leaving cash to be invested of $51.32.		
Balance in Charlestown Savings March 31, 1954 to which interest is to be added	$166.57	

4 Shares Com. Stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., certif. 18717, cost	$184.00
40 Shares Com. Stock Bird & Son, certif. CO 14462, cost	660.00
25 Shares Pref. Stock Heywood-Wakefield Co., certif. B 9022, cost	450.00
13 Shares Com. Stock Plymouth Cordage Co., certif. CB 5410, cost	855.00
50 Shares Ludlow Mfg. Co., certif. 37810, cost (Com.)	1,800.00
2 Shares Com. Stock Eastern Utilities Assn., certif. T 6581, cost	55.50
15 Shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co., certif. BXU 1408 Com., cost	2,327.97
4 Shares Com. Stock Am. Tel. & Tel. Co., certif. P 211396, cost	530.13
3 Shares Com. Stock Am. Tel. & Tel. Co., certif. 5243998, cost	410.05
50 Shares Com. Stock Haverhill Gas Light Co., certif. 13848, cost	1,000.00
Making total amount of Fund March 31, 1955 the same as last year only there is a slight amount of interest to be added to the Savings Bank.	$10,029.11

I recommend that the amounts received from the dividends of the stocks in the Permanent Fund that the Treasurer be authorized to pay same into the General Fund of the Department to assist in paying part of the expenses of the Department.

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE E. HUNT, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The committee to whom was referred the reports of the various officers have examined the same and would report as follows.

The Department Commander has shown by his activity in the office that his interest was increasing the interest of the membership in bringing forcibly to all people what our organization is trying to do in keeping the history of the G.A.R. before the people.

He made the following recommendations:

1. The Junior Vice Commander is chairman of the Membership and this recommendation should be referred to him.
2. Concur.
3. Do not concur.
4. We concur.
5. We concur.

That no mistake was made in the selection of the Senior Vice and Junior Vice is apparent from the reading of their reports and its accomplishment.

John Day, as Senior Vice, did a good job in a hard position, and the amount of money he received showed a year of hard work.

Geo. Lamarsh proved that hard work will accomplish the desired results and his report also shows the need of increased interest by our membership.

The Senior Vice makes one recommendation. In this we concur.

The report of the Department Secretary shows that even with our small membership there is considerable work in this office and while the full statistics are not available we will show a loss.

The Department Patriotic Instructor didn't have enough work to do so he took on the additional duties of National Patriotic Instructor.

He has performed a wonderful work and has kept our membership informed of matters detrimental to our Country in a manner that could be readily understood by all.

He can feel proud of his work.

The Department Chaplain has filled his office in a dignified manner worthy of him.

The Department Organizer has been very active even though the results were negligible.

The Council was composed of very active and competent members who performed their duties in a very diligent manner.

The Publicist has secured some favorable items in the press of Boston.

CHAS. H. E. MORAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON G. A. R. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Greetings.

Your Committee on the G. A. R. Memorial Highway wishes to submit the following report:

During the past year we have been able to have twelve new markers placed in the Highway, bringing the total now up to thirty-seven markers. Therefore the Highway is properly marked so that people using it know they on the G. A. R. Memorial Highway.

During the year we have had several meetings with selectmen of the various towns through which the Highway passes. These meetings were held with the possibility of having the picnic areas on the Highway named as memorials for members of the G. A. R. At the present time a list of G. A. R. Veterans in these various towns are being listed, so that during the coming summer several of these areas may be marked as memorials to these comrades.

Commissioner Volpe, of the Mass. Dept. of Public Works has given us a great deal of assistance and time in our endeavors. For all this help we owe him a debt of gratitude.

We hope that during the coming Summer a great deal more constructive work may be accomplished. It has been a great deal of pleasure for me during the past two years to serve as chairman of this committee. I feel that the committee should be complimented on the many improvements we have been able to accomplish during that time.

I wish to thank Department Commander Hooper, Commissioner Volpe, Rep. Wilfred DeRosier and most of all the members of my committee for all the assistance given me during that time.

Yours in F. C. & L.

WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Revision of the Department By-Laws, appointed by authority of the Encampment of a year ago, is cognizant of the proposal of the Commandery-in-Chief to revise the Constitution and Regulations of the Order to some degree, at the National Encampment next August, so deems it unwise to take conclusive action on our Department By-Laws at this time, or until it is known whether such proposed changes may bring our by-laws into conflict in some particulars.

Accordingly the Committee now only suggests changes it considers wise to make, and to propose for action at the Department Encampment of next year.

In Article 1 — The Department. At the end, add the words, "and as a Massachusetts corporation."

Article 3 — Meetings. Section 5, second paragraph. After the words "All resolutions", add the words "after reading".

In Article 4 — Officers and Their Duties. Section 2, strike out the word "Instructor". In Section 4, strike out the first words "On taking office", and before the words "Camp Instructor" strike out the word "Dept.". After the word "function" strike out the words "including uniforms, provided said orders regarding uniforms are not in conflict with Article 20 of these by-laws".

In Article 5 — Executive Committee. Second paragraph. Strike out all words of the first sentence except the following, "One member of the Executive Committee shall be chosen at the Annual Department Encampment in each year for a term of five years."

In Article 6 — Conference Committee. In the third line, strike out the words "from the Grand Army of the Republic."

In Article 4. Add a new Section. "Section 7. The Senior Vice Department Commander shall serve as Chairman of a Committee to raise funds for the benefit of the Department."

In Article 7. Section 5. At the end, add the words "except by unanimous consent."

In Article 11 — Bonds. Section 1. Strike out the words "to the Commander-in-Chief." In Section 2, strike out the final words "or election." In Section 3. After the words "Surety Company", change to read "and the cost shall be paid out of funds of the Department." In Section 4. In the second line, after the word "funds" insert the words "and property."

In Article 13 — Permanent Fund. In Section 2. After the word "Encampment" change to read, "or Executive Committee shall by vote authorize the whole or any part of the interest accruing within the year when the vote is passed, to be withdrawn and added to the General Fund." In Section 3, seventh line, strike out the words "and such other forms of investment as at the time of making them are authorized for Massachusetts Savings Banks", and insert in place, the words "and in such stocks and bonds authorized for Massachusetts Trust Funds as are listed or admitted to trading privileges on the Boston Stock Exchange or registered with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities under the sale of securities act; provided that no investment shall be made in the bonds of a government or municipality located outside of Massachusetts or in stocks or bonds of a corporation which does not have a place of business in Massachusetts nor in the stock or bonds of a corporation which has not paid regular dividends on such stock for at least two years prior to such investment."
New Section to be added, "Section 4. Trust funds held by the Department shall be invested in the same manner, and shall be subject to the same restrictions regarding purchase and sale of securities as the Permanent Fund."

Article 16. Finances and Reports. In Section 1 change the figure "$3.00" to "$5.00". Also change the words "eighty cents" to "one dollar." New section. "Section 3. Any person eligible to membership in the Order may become a member-at-large upon application filed with the Department Secretary, approved by the Department Commander, and the payment of a fee of $5.00. The annual dues shall be $3.00, payable annually in advance. This shall include a subscription to The Banner." New Section. "Section 4. When the charter of a Camp shall be surrendered or revoked, all members in good standing in the Department shall be transferred to membership-at-large, and billed for dues for the balance of the year at the rate of $0.75 per quarter, and thereafter at the rate of $3.00 per year. This shall include a subscription to The Banner." New Section, "Section 5. Members-at-large becoming one year in arrears shall be notified of the fact by the Department Secretary. After 30 days, a second notice shall be sent, and if no satisfactory response is received within 30 days, the member-at-large shall be dropped from membership."

Article 20 — Official Uniform. This entire Article to be dropped.

Article 21. To be re-numbered 21.
"date of adoption by the Department"
"Date of approval by the Commander-in-Chief"
Data to be added "Instituted July 17, 1882"
"Incorporated November 17, 1939"

Committee of Department By-Laws
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF PAST RANK

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Greetings:
The Committee on Restoration of Past Rank recommends that the application of Thomas E. Dolan of Camp No. 62 of Everett be granted.

Yours in F. C. & L.
WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman
LOUIS E. WINCHELL, SR.
ROY C. CALL

COMMUNICATIONS

BAY STATE CAMP NO. 61
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
BOSTON, MASS.

January 15, 1955

Headquarters, Massachusetts Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
Department Commander and Brothers:
At a meeting of the above Camp 61, held on January 12th, it was voted that the Camp endorse the name of Col. Frederic G. Bauer, a member of the Camp, for candidacy for the position of Commander-in-Chief, to be elected at the National Encampment to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, in August of this year, and to urge the Department Encampment, to be held in Boston, in April, to also endorse his candidacy for this high office, and to instruct its delegation to the National Encampment, to support him to the end that his election may be assured.

Col. Frederic G. Bauer, as you probably know, is the present Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and has many qualifications that would make an officer of whom the Massachusetts Department can be proud.

This notification and request is being sent to you, to carry out instructions of Camp 61, and in the hope that his Brothers in the Department may see fit to support his candidacy.

Fraternally yours,
HENRY F. WEBER,
Secretary

Foxboro, Mass., April 27, 1955, 16 Bird St.
Mass. Dept., Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
88 Tremont St., Room 513, Boston, Mass.
Brothers:

According to the Banner the annual sessions of the Department of Mass., of the Sons will be held from April 29th to May 1st so I have it in mind to send a word of greeting.

My recollections of your Department take me back to 1896 when it was my privilege to visit your encampment by appointment of our Maine Department Commander who could not attend, so as the Lieutenant Colonel with the head of the Department then known as Colonel, to represent him.

The next year as Colonel I visited your encampment to extend greetings again.

Some years later as some of you will remember the title of Department officers was changed from Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel to Commander and Senior Vice Department Commander.

My membership dates back to 1890 which makes me a member for 65 years in June.

I recall that brother George E. Hunt, your Department Treasurer joined the Order several years before I did and to him I extend greetings as I recall the pleasant occasions when we have met at encampments.

With best wishes for a successful encampment and a bright future, I am

Sincerely in F., C. and L.,
REV. ARTHUR M. SOULE,
P. D. C. of Maine

Office of the City Manager
CITY OF WORCESTER
Massachusetts

March 23, 1955

Mr. Leon Palmer, Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans, Civil War
Tremont Temple, 88 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.
Dear Mr. Palmer:

It has been called to my attention by Miss Flora Bates, Department Vice President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, that your organization is making plans to discuss a site for your 1956 Convention.

The City of Worcester would be pleased to have your organization consider the 'Heart of the Commonwealth' for your meeting. We have great pride in the traditions of your group and would be pleased to have such an organization visit our Community any time that your plans so indicate.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,
FRANCIS J. McGRATH
City Manager

Headquarters
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT
AUXILIARY TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR

Mass. Dept., Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Boston, Mass.
Dear Brothers:

Recommendation adopted at 63rd Encampment of the Auxiliary.

That our Sons of Union Veterans be contacted with a view of returning to a two day Department Encampment.

V. D. BRUNET,
Department Secretary

GEN. A. P. MARTIN CAMP NO. 62
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Everett 49, Massachusetts

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Boston, Massachusetts

April 23, 1955

To the Department:

Thomas E. Dolan of 48 Norwood St., Everett, was Commander of Gen. A. P. Martin Camp No. 62 for two years, 1943, 1944. After he finished his term of office he dropped out of the Order. He has now come back and joined the Camp again, and has become one of our most faithful workers. He would like to have his rank as Past Commander restored, which I am happy to recommend.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
EMERSON WHITMAN

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

	Camps	Members
December 31, 1953	82	1486
March quarter 1954		

Init.	Trans.	Re-in.	Gains Total	
12	1	8	21	21
				1507

Death	Drop	Losses Total	
18	6	24	24
			1483

June quarter 1954

Init.	Gains Total	
3	3	3
		1486

Death	H.D.	Drop	Losses Total	
9	2	6	17	17
				1469

September quarter, 1954

Init.	Re-in.	Gains Total	
3	2	5	5
			1474

Death	Drop	Losses Total	
10	2	12	12
			1462

December quarter, 1954

Init.	Trans.	Gains Total	
3	7	10	10
			1472

Death	H.D.	Trans.	Drop	Losses Total	
20	3	2	9	34	34
					1438

December 31, 1954 82

Supply Account

On hand March 31, 1954		$179.30	
Purchase		22.95	
			$ 202.25
Sales	$ 17.52		
Obsolete	13.07		
On hand March 31, 1955	174.18		
			$ 204.77
Loss			$ 2.52

General Fund

Amount on hand March 31, 1954		$ 511.93

Receipts

For Per Capita Tax	$1,266.55	
Membership Fees	14.00	
Sales of supplies	7.52	
From Ways and Means Committee, 1954	12.00	
From Ways and Means Committee, 1955	100.00	
Auxiliary Dept. Convention gift	267.00	
Patriotic Instructor's Fund	30.00	
Convention Registration Fees	105.00	
Rent	112.50	
Light	4.90	
Telephone	61.70	
Dividends from Permanent Fund	638.75	
		$2,619.92
		$3,131.85

Disbursements

Encampment Expense	$ 41.21	
Officers' Bonds Premiums	7.50	
Rent	300.00	
Light	9.81	
Telephone	122.63	
Salary of Secretary	500.00	
Postage	60.00	
Printing	66.84	
Stationery	68.30	
Per Capita Tax	877.80	
Balance due to Loring Fund	117.68	
Membership Fees	10.50	
Expense to National Encampment of Dept. Com.	100.00	
Addressograph Co. for repairs and plates	12.24	
Printing Proceedings	146.79	
Flowers for deceased Dept. Comdrs.	25.00	
Dept. Comdrs. Frame for office	15.50	
State St. Trust Co., Safety Box	5.50	
Gift to Auxiliary Dept.	50.00	
Gift to American Coalition	20.00	
Past Dept. Comdrs. Badge	10.00	
Supplies	22.95	
State St. Trust Co., service charges	4.35	
Miscellaneous	17.30	
		$2,611.90
Balance on hand March 31, 1955		$ 519.95

LEON H. PALMER

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1955

Opened at 10:30 a.m. by Dept. Commander Hooper.

Prayer by Chaplain Driver.

Dept. Patriotic Instructor Carder Perkins read report.

Credential Committee reported attendance of 89.

Chief of Staff Bowen read his report.

Past Dept. Commander Perkins reported visit to Daughters of Union Veterans; Past Dept. Commander Shepardson reported visit to Woman's Relief Corps; and Past Dept. Commander Winchell to Ladies of the G.A.R.

Dept. S. V. Commander Day read report of Department Council.

Organizer Waite moved acceptance of reports and take up Budget this p.m. Carried.

Past Dept. Commander Haskell read the report of the G.A.R. Highway Committee.

Organizer Waite moved acceptance of report and printing in Proceedings. Carried.

Mgr. Amarillo of the Bradford was received in the Convention and complimented the organization.

Past Dept. Commander Haskell reported for the Committee on Restoration of Past Rank and recommended the restoration of Past Camp Commander to Brother Thomas E. Dolan of Camp 62, Everett. Motion made and carried.

Commander Pettigrew of United Spanish War Veterans was received, escorted to platform and spoke very interestingly.

Past Dept. Commander Kimball stated that Commander Pettigrew would be a member of the Sons before the next Department Convention.

Mrs. Alice Peabody, President of Ladies of the G.A.R., Mrs. Marie Doherty, President of the D.U.V., Mrs. Grace Broderick, Council and Mrs. Mitchell, Dept. President of the U.S.W. Auxiliary were admitted. All spoke and Past Dept. Commander Winchell responded.

Personal Aide Drown read report and it was ordered filed.

Brother Waite spoke for the Graves Registration Committee. Several followed and Brother Howard of Camp 104 submitted following resolution:

Resolved, that the Seventy Third (73rd) Encampment of the Mass. Dept. of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War go on record requiring all Camps to use the Ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Memorial Day services at each cemetery.

Signed: CLARENCE W. HOWARD, P.C. Camp 104.

P.D.C. Weiler moved the resolution be referred to Committee on Resolutions. Carried.

Publicity Secretary read report.

Resolution of Patriotic Instructor Day of Camp 9 read and P.D.C. Fuller moved referral to the Committee on Resolutions. Carried.

Whereas, the Communists are committed by the very nature of their training and doctrines (in all their guises, from pale pink to blood red) to the overthrow of the government of man, under God, by any means, publicly and privately, and

Whereas, the Sons of Union Veterans are just as completely committed to a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, and have in our possession one of the greatest text books of Americanism ever printed, but conduct all of our ritualistic work behind closed doors, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Mass. Dept. of The Sons of Union Veterans, recommend to the Commander-in-Chief at the next National Encampment that we conduct the initiatory ceremonies of our order, with a well rehearsed degree team, and, permit the public to attend, specifically inviting civic and veterans organizations.

Submitted respectfully, in F. C. and L.,

JOHN L. DAY
Patriotic Instructor
CHARLES RUSSELL LOWELL
Camp 9, of Boston

Letters from Past Dept. Commander of Maine, Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Camp 61, Dept. Auxiliary and Sister Pamelia D. Elder read. P.D.C. Weiler moved be referred to proper committees and motion was carried.

Committee on Officers' Reports read report and P.D.C. Fuller moved it be accepted and motion was carried.

Recessed to 1:30 p.m.

Reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Past Dept. Commander Robert Hicks of N. H. was received and spoke.

Past Commander Albert G. Wolff presented the Department with a gavel from Thomas Hart, Past Commander, which had formerly been in possession of the Stephenson Post of the G.A.R. Dept. Commander Hooper gratefully accepted the same.

J. V. Commander Day read a resolution submitted by Counselor Bauer on United Nations and on motion it was referred to Committee on Resolutions.

P.D.C. Weiler moved the letter from the Auxiliary be referred to the incoming Dept. Commander and Council. Motion carried.

Letter from Camp 61 asking endorsement for Counselor Frederic G. Bauer for Commander-in-Chief at the next National Encampment read. Unanimous endorsement was voted.

Letter from City of Worcester inviting Dept. to that city for next convention read and on motion of P. C. in C. Moran it was

voted to refer all invitations to incoming administration to report within 60 days.

P.D.C. Perkins moved that measures be taken on the bill before the House to remove Memorial Day from act to make it the nearest Monday. Carried.

P.D.C. Weiler reported for Committee on the Revision of By-Laws. Treasurer Hunt moved acceptance as progress and motion was carried.

P.C. Waite moved G.A.R. ritual be used at funerals of Sons and motion was carried.

P.C. Davis moved adoption of recommendation of John L. Day having initiatory ceremonies open to public. Carried.

A delegation from the Auxiliary was admitted. Elinor Konrad, National President; Marguerite Mitcheson, Dept. President; Mary Sampson, Chr., S.U.V.A.; Luaine Hooper, wife of Dept. Commander; Barbara Brown, P. I.; Ada Ewell, P.D.P.; Blanche Crocker, P.P.

The National President spoke and Mary Sampson presented the Sons with a check for $325.00.

P. C. in C. Moran responded.

P.D.C. Perkins moved a rising vote of thanks to Mary Sampson and same was given with much applause.

Council Chairman read revised budget and on motion of P.D.C. Perkins it was accepted as read.

Organizer Mellor extended the greetings of the City of Worcester by Geo. Wells. member of Governor's Council.

Registration Committee Chairman Hooper reported registration fees of $101.00.

Credential Committee reported registration of 101 members.

Commander appointed as Tellers, Brothers Kimball, Call and Freeman.

Counselor submitted addition to Article 2 of C. and R. and same was endorsed.

"Section 6.—Miniature Insignia. Members may wear a miniature of the badge of the Order, without the top bar, suspended from the regulation ribbon ⅝-inch width. For the Commander-in-Chief and Past Commander-in-Chief the ribbon shall have the yellow centre with three gold stars thereon; for Presiding and Past Department Commanders the ribbon shall have the red centre with two silver stars thereon; for all other members the ribbon shall have the blue centre. Presiding and Past Camp Commanders may wear a bronze star on the ribbon. Members who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war may wear a silver palm on the ribbon.

The Tellers reported votes cast 89, blanks 2, 12 not voting.

For Commander:

Millard F. Brown	79
L. E. Osborn	8
Blanks	2

For Senior Vice Commander:

John L. Day	53
Emerson Whitman	36

J. V. Commander George D. Lamarsh; Council, Howard E. Waite, Edwin J. Lennon and Charles W. Hooper; Executive Committee for 5 years, Addison A. Quinn; elected by one vote of the Secretary.

L. E. Osborne moved the unanimous election of Millard E. Brown and motion was carried.

On motion of Emerson Whitman the unanimous election of John L. Day was voted.

Delegates to National Encampment: Charles Simington (81), Howard E. Waite (25), Richard W. Bauer (61), Wm. W. Tillson (26), Carder A. Perkins (9), John L. Day (9), Alfred E. Cooper (89).

Retiring Commander of R. I. and Dept. Secretary Duke Arnold spoke.

P.D.C. Perkins moved a collection be taken for the Lincoln Memorial Fund. Motion carried.

Past Dept. Commander Howland moved recess to 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Motion carried.

Recessed at 5:15 p.m.

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MAY 1, 1955

Reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Joint Memorial services held by Sons and Auxiliary.

Necrologies read by Secretary Palmer for Sons and Secretary Brunet for Auxiliary.

Officers were installed by P. C. in C. Charles H. E. Moran, followed by installation of Auxiliary by Rita Angia.

Past Dept. Badge presented Past Dept. Commander Hooper by P. C. in C. Moran and purse from Dept. by Secretary Palmer.

Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS 1955-1956

Commander:
Millard F. Brown, 106 Chestnut St., New Bedford

Senior Vice Commander:
John L. Day, 868 Huntington Ave., Boston

Junior Vice Commander:
George D. Lamarsh, 108 Sargeant St., Holyoke

Council:
Edwin J. Lennon, 22 Pleasant St., Dorchester
Howard E. Waite, 212 Woodland St., Greendale Sta., Worcester
Charles W. Hooper, 27 Marsh St., Quincy

Secretary:
Leon H. Palmer, 88 Tremont St., Boston

Treasurer:
George E. Hunt, 88 Tremont St., Boston

Chaplain:
Rev. George H. Driver, 37 Waldron St., Marblehead

Counselor:
Frederic G. Bauer, 123 Heights Rd., Ridgewood, N. J.

Patriotic Instructor:
Ernest G. Wells, 271B Larmartine St., Boston 30

Chief of Staff:
Gilman W. Harrington, 475 Pleasant St., Hanson

Organizer:
Clark W. Mellor, 3 Ashton St., Worcester

Publicity Secretary:
Henry S. Bowen, Jr., 8 Judson St., Beverly

Musician:
John B. Davis, 75 Argyle St., Melrose

Personal Aide:
Alfred E. Freeman, 619 Plymouth St., Whitman

Executive Committee

Commander, S. V. Commander, J. V. Commander, the three Members of the Council, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and Col. Frederic G. Bauer, Chairman, Henry F. Weiler, Allen B. Howland, Charles H. E. Moran and Addison A. Quinn.

MILLARD F. BROWN

Seventy-fourth

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

SHERATON PLAZA HOTEL, BOSTON

APRIL 27, 1956

Our Encampment program began with a visit by our delegation to the opening exercises of our Auxiliary at 10:40 a.m. The Department President, Sister Flora D. Bates, presided and the exercises were very impressive.

Our Encampment opened at 2:40 p.m., Department Commander Brown, presiding. Past Commander Fred Butler appointed Guide, Leslie Covey, Sr., Color Bearer.

Chaplain Driver offered prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Department Commander Brown then appointed the following Encampment Committees:

Encampment Committee

Henry F. Weiler, P.D.C., Chr.
Louis E. Winchell, P.D.C.
William W. Haskell, P.D.C.
Addison A. Quinn, P.D.C.
William C. Rule, P.D.C.
Howard E. Waite, P.C.
Harold P. Shepardson, P.D.C.

Banquet Committee

Louis E. Winchell, P.D.C., Chr.
William W. Haskell, P.D.C.
Parker Chandler, P.D.C.
Henry Bowen, Pub. Sec'y
George W. Kimball, P.D.C.

Credential Committee

Leon H. Palmer, P.D.C., Dept. Sec'y
Edward Hooper, Camp 144
Eugene G. Wallingford, Camp 30
William Tillson, Camp 26
George L. White, Camp 37
Herbert Hobart, Camp 17

Constitution and Regulations

William C. Rule, P.D.C., Chr.
Howard E. Waite, P.D.C.
Carder A. Perkins, P.D.C.
Charles W. Hooper, P.D.C.

Ritual and Ceremonies

Addison A. Quinn, P.D.C., Chr.
Parker Chandler, P.D.C.
Fred Butler, P.C., Camp 104
Edward Bressette, Com., Camp 60
James J. Deane, P.C., Camp 127

Resolutions

Allen B. Howland, P.D.C., Chr.
Louis E. Winchell, P.D.C.
George W. Kimball, P.D.C.
James Wolfe, P.C.

Report of Officers

Charles E. Moran, P.C. in C., Chr.
William O. Fuller, P.D.C.
Roy C. Call, P.D.C.
Edwin Lennon, Dept. Coun. Mem.
Harold P. Shepardson, P.D.C.

Restoration of Past Rank

Harold M. Drown, P.D.C., Chr.
Arthur C. Pray, P.C., Camp 56
John Mitcheson, P.C., Camp 61
Everett Atwood, P. Jr. V. Com.

Publicity

Henry Bowen, Publicity Sec'y William R. Cohen, Com., Camp 9
Herbert W. Bogue, P.C., Camp 15

On roll call eleven officers responded present. Reports were read by Department Commander Brown, S. V. Dept. Commander Day, J. V. Dept. Commander Lamarsh, Dept. Sec'y Palmer, Dept. Patriotic Instructor Wells and Dept. Chaplain Driver.

Past Dept. Commander Weiler moved that all reports be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports and motion was carried.

Counselor Bauer commended Patriotic Instructor Wells on the good work shown in his report.

As a matter of information the Secretary reported $814.00 in the Organization Fund and about $50.00 in the G.A.R. Fund.

Counsellor Bauer reported little to do the past year but had a matter to take up later with the Attorney General.

The Department Commander announced there would be a meeting of the Dept. Executive Committee immediately following the Memorial Service.

Council member Waite read a partial report of the Dept. Council.

On motion it was voted that a card, signed by as many as possible, be sent to Dept. Treasurer Hunt, motion was carried and the card was sent later.

Past Dept. Commander Winchell reminded the members of the Banquet tomorrow evening.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran moved that nominations be made without speeches and that Delegates have two endorsements. Carried.

Nomination of officers:
For Commander, John L. Day
For Senior Vice Commander, Everett M. Atwood
For Junior Vice Commander, Herbert W. Bogue
Council, Edwin J. Lennon, Millard F. Brown, Howard E. Waite.
Executive Committee, Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer.
Delegates to National Encampment: Richard W. Bauer, Herbert W. Bogue, John L. Day, Jr., George D. Lamarsh, Ralph P. Bickmore, Edward Brissett, Howard E. Waite, Clark W. Mellor, George W. Cutting, Lawrence R. E. Johnson, Herbert Hobert, William W. Tillson, Ira Buxton.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary
Sheraton Plaza, Boston, Mass.
Friday, April 27, 1956 4:00 p.m.

Department Chaplains
Rev. George H. Driver Martha A. Park
Processional

Memories
Draping of Department Charters
Flora Bates, Department President
Millard Brown, Department Commander
Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic

Necrology
Leon Palmer, Sons Department Secretary
Viola Brunet, Auxiliary Department Secretary
Solo: "Beyond the Sunset"
23rd Psalm Martha Park, Department Chaplain
Representatives of Camps and Auxiliaries Placement of Flowers

Eulogies

For Past Department President Ada B. Ewell, 1935-36
Mary A. Freeman, P.D.P.
For Past Department President Maybell Howard, 1950-51
Maude B. Warren, P.N.P.

Address Rev. George H. Driver, D.C.
Solo: "The Old Rugged Cross" Addison Quinn, P.D.C.
Benediction Rev. George H. Driver, D.C.
Recessed at 5:40 p.m.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

New Bedford, Massachusetts
April 27, 1956.

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Whole-hearted Greetings:

One year ago this month in the Bradford Hotel, Boston, Mass., you elected me to serve as your Department Commander. I accepted this office with humility and pride. After being installed by Past National Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran, I promised that I would do all in my power to carry out the wishes of our Grand Army Family and try to build our own Order in the Commonwealth. I feel to a certain degree that I have been successful. I'll let you be the judge of that.

During my term of office, I have issued three department orders. I do hope that they have been of some good to the various camps and to the brothers who do not travel around and do not know what is going on in our various localities.

Allied Orders

To Mrs. Doris Collins, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Dorothy Earle, Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Dorothy Barber, Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; allow me to express my deepest appreciation for a very happy and inspiring friendship with three of the most charming ladies their various organizations could have chosen for my running mates. May all three of these presiding officers have had a smoothly running encampment and the best of health and luck in the future.

Our Auxiliary

Now to the grandest partner a Department Commander ever had the pleasure of working and traveling with, Flora D. Bates,

Department President of our Auxiliary. Words have never been coined to express my feeling for my co-worker for whom I have the greatest respect. Miss Bates has always shown she was ready and willing to grasp the opportunity to help our Organization in a sisterly way on all occasions whenever traveling or in the office. She has been an inspiring "partner" worthy of a happy and long-remembered convention. Many more years of health and happiness, Flo.

To the Auxiliary Officers of the Department and all Auxiliary sisters, all I can say is "thanks for all the help and courtesies given me throughout the year. You have always been willing when needed.

Visitations

The first duty as Department Commander which I had to perform was one I shall always remember as very sad — attending the services of Past Department President Ada B. Ewell, a very ardent worker for the Grand Army and the Sons of Union Veterans.

I visited a goodly number of camps in the department, always trying to do my duty in answering questions and inspiring them to increase their membership. It really has been my "battle cry."

The three district associations of outstanding importance in the department have been working along smoothly and with an encouraging outlook, North Metropolitan, Pioneer Valley and Plymouth County. Weather conditions this winter or rather part of the spring were such that caused traveling conditions to be hazardous, but I tried to keep our Order in the forefront by visiting and attending whenever possible.

It was my pleasure to attend the following functions:

Receptions to the Department Commander and Department President of New Hampshire in Henniker, Department Commander and Department President of Rhode Island in Providence, and the Department Commander of Maine in Sandford.

Receptions to the Department Presidents of the Auxiliary, Woman's Relief Corps, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic respectively.

The 1956 Encampments of the following G. A. R. Family:— Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Encampments in Providence, Rhode Island, April 13 and 14 and the New Hampshire Department in Concord, April 20 and 21.

Functions Within Our Own Department

Friendly Relations Banquet on October 29 in Malden.

Pioneer Valley Dedication Night on November 26 in Holyoke.

Washington-Lincoln Banquet of Plymouth County Association on February 19 in Abington.

Washington-Lincoln Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents on February 26 in Roxbury.

All of these affairs, I feel were very beneficial because it did show that regardless where the functions were held the brothers and sisters were behind the affair 100% as they were all well attended. My sincere thanks to all the brothers and sisters who had a part in making these get-togethers so successful, also many thanks for the courtesies extended to me.

Membership

I find that I am no superman, but as your Commander I certainly did my utmost to bring before the gatherings of our Grand Army Family, the point of securing new members and reinstating old desirables. Also, what we as a male organization are facing if we do not increase our membership in the very near future. Remember my slogan and apply it here, "Go forward, never retreat." My sincere thanks and best wishes to the membership "go-getters" from Pioneer Valley — the Holyoke Camp. They are "hustlers."

National Encampment

We, of the Massachusetts Department had quite a trying time to reach our destination, Cincinnati, Ohio, for our National Encampment. But after a poor start all arrived with a determination to take an active part in the business and social events. This was proven by a large delegation from the Bay State, and we were honored by having one of our brothers elected to the highest office in the Sons of Union Veterans, Colonel Frederic Gilbert Bauer. To this Department, allow me to thank you for sending me as your Commander from this state. It was a mission I will never regret making as I learned a great deal. To Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles H. E. Moran, for his cooperation in planning our trip to National by train, please accept my thanks.

Necrology

As I draw close to the end of my administration, I regret to announce the loss of one of our members, in the passing of the brother of our Commander-in-Chief, Charles Bauer, a member of Camp 61.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and brother. To all other brothers who have had losses in their family or camp, our heart-felt sympathy.

Department Officers

To all my Department Officers elected and appointed, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for all you have done for me this year. Nothing was asked but it was granted promptly and with the desire to help the Department and your Commander. From the reports of the different officers to be read later, you will hear how each has performed the duties of his office.

I wish at this time to thank Brother Leon Palmer for his guidance and help throughout the year. He was not only Department secretary, but a father to me in offering advice, always with a smile. To you, Past Department Commander Leon, "God bless you."

Conclusion

As I leave this office and lead the life of an ordinary camp member, I honestly feel that the brother that follows in my footsteps, will be a man who will carry on and be a credit to the Sons of the Civil War Veterans. He in turn can depend on me to help him in any way.

It has been a year well spent and I now realize that the Sons have an organization that must carry on, and keep the ideals of

the Grand Army of the Republic before the eyes of the Nation. Remember; to keep our Country safe, we must be united as our fathers and grandfathers would desire us to do. The only way to do that is to drive for more desirable members and to strive to keep before us the lessons of patriotism and love of country. This is my last request. Let us work for a substantial increase in '56 and '57.

To the one who has made it possible for me "to carry on" these last twelve months, I wish to say "thanks a million" to my wife, Barbara. She has been my constant companion and helpmate in many an undertaking. To our Pal and friend, Mary Sampson and her husband, George, all I can say "A friend in need, is a friend indeed" which was proven when we had our "upset in January," when Mary drove us for a while until we acquired another car and brother George baby-sat for us.

To my own Camp 35 and Auxiliary 1, my sincere thanks for a reception any Department Commander would be proud to claim as his own. Thanks sisters and brothers.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

MILLARD F. BROWN,
Department Commander

Recommendations

1. That the next Department Commander appoint a worthwhile brother from each of the four districts, Pioneer Valley, Worcester County, North Metropolitan, and Plymouth County, to act as captains of membership drive committees.
2. That there be functions sponsored separately by the four districts wherein the Grand Army Family can take part.
3. That we reorganize a one day mid-year convention for the purpose of comparing notes and ironing out our difficulties.
4. That the Sons of Union Veterans always keep alert and voice their opposition to any detrimental movement to the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic, (For example—the changing of Memorial Day.)
5. That the Sons of Union Veterans, Department of Massachusetts donate the sum of $50.00 to Col. Bauer, our National Commander, and this sum be used as he so desires.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

MILLARD F. BROWN,
Department Commander

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Boston, Mass., April 27, 1956

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment o the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Dear Brothers:

It is with deep gratitude to you for having honored me by electing me to the office of Senior Vice Commander of the Massachusetts Department at our last Encampment one year ago.

It has been both a happy and disappointing year; the recognition and welcome I have received wherever I appeared was very gratifying. The disappointment was caused by my inability to impress on our membership the need of funds to further the work of the Department, in promoting Americanism and Patriotic ideals, and maintaining the prestige of our honored Order.

Attached to this report is an itemized list of contributions and the contributors. Many visits were enjoyed by me to Camps and Auxiliaries during my year.

I visited the Allied Orders of Rhode Island at their Annual Banquet; Friendly Relations Dinner; Past Commanders and Past Presidents Lincoln-Washington Dinner in Boston; Represented the Department Commander at the City of Boston observance of Lincoln's birthday at Park Square; Plymouth County Association Lincoln-Washington Dinner in Abington; Dedication Day Dinner at Holyoke.

I had the pleasure of extending the greetings of the Massachusetts Department to the Daughters of Union Veterans at their Annual Banquet at the Hotel Lenox, April 10th, and had a very enjoyable evening.

I would like to present the following recommendation; That instead of a single publicity secretary, a committee of five men be appointed to be selected from those sections of the state in which there are active associations operating to further the interest of the Sons of Union Veterans. One each from Plymouth County, North Metropolitan District Association, Worcester County Association, and the Pioneer Valley Association, these to work closely with the Department Publicity Secretary and to be known as a Public Relations Committee.

The purpose of this committee is to constantly keep before the public what the Sons of Union Veterans are doing in all parts of the State.

Sincerely thanking all concerned for their consideration and kindness during the past year, I submit this report in

Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

JOHN L. DAY,
Senior Vice Commander

FINANCIAL REPORT OF VICE COMMANDER

Camps and Associations:	
Ancient Order of Buttons	$7.50
Past Commanders Association	$10.00
Saugus Camp	5.00
Camp No. 9	16.60
Camp No. 144	2.00
Plymouth County Association	10.00
	$51.10
Auxiliaries:	
Auxiliary No. 78	$25.00
Kate Dewey	5.00
Bessie Drowns	2.00

Pamelia Elder	2.00	
Nora Robinson	2.00	
Helen Gillispie	3.00	
	$39.00	
Personal:		
William Fuller	$3.00	
Harold Drown	2.00	
H. C. Gates	1.00	
William Rule	1.00	
George Lamarsh	1.00	
Edwin Lennon	1.00	
Fred Butler	1.00	
Ernest Wells	2.00	
Charles Hooper	1.00	
Harry Weiler	1.00	
Brother Liscomb	1.00	
Capt. Robert A. Elder	2.00	
Roy Call	2.00	
Millard Brown	2.00	
Francis Hubbard	1.00	
C. H. Moran	5.00	
Harold Shepardson	5.00	
	$32.00	
Camps and Associations		$51.10
Auxiliaries		39.00
Personal		32.00
		$122.10

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Holyoke, Mass., April 6, 1956

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Greetings:

One year ago you honored me by electing me to the office of Junior Vice Department Commander; an honor for which I am very grateful. I realized on assuming this office that it was not merely honorary but one that called for work. The most important duty was to serve as chairman of the Department Membership Committee.

At the start of the year I sent out a letter calling on the members to assist me in this membership drive. I had hoped that our members would realize that for our continuance as an organization we needed an increase in membership and would try to build up the camps. The activity and assistance I had hoped for was not there, for had it been, we could have accomplished what you and I know is for the good of our Order.

I wish to thank all the members and camps who took an active part in this membership drive and a sincere thanks to my Camp for their co-operation in showing an increase of seven (7) members.

I represented our Department at every affair, requested of me, by our Department Commander. I also visited a number of Camps, Associations and Allied Orders as well as serving on the Degree Team of the Pioneer Valley Association.

To all, who by your assistance and co-operation tried to help us accomplish our aim, my sincere thanks are extended.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,
GEORGE D. LAMARSH,
Junior Vice Department Commander

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

April 23, 1956

During the 1955-1956 term, the Department Council held several meetings at Department Headquarters in Boston with Charles Hooper, P.D.C., serving as Chairman, Edwin J. Lennon as Secretary, and Howard Waite as Third Member.

Bonds were provided for Department Commander, Secretary and Treasurer. The Second Bank-State Street Trust Company was continued as depository for the Department, and the safe deposit box was carried in the same bank.

All records, books, and bank statements of the Secretary were audited periodically; were found to be in good order, and were approved.

A generous and welcome gift from the Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary was acknowledged with sincere appreciation to the lovely ladies for their continued kindness and thoughtfulness.

Your Department Council continued to work with the Executive Committee in following the same investment policy of placing Department funds and special account funds where they will be safe and will provide a good return. This policy has proven to be of great benefit to the Department over the past few years and it can be truly said that financially the Department is in good and sound condition.

The Council was very sorry to learn of the accident which befell our good Department Treasurer George Hunt, who was confined to the hospital as a result. It wishes to express its sincere hope that Treasurer Hunt will soon be improved and home with his family. Your Council has audited the books and securities of the Department Treasurer and has made a list of same.

Massachusetts has been honored in this past year by the election to Commander-in-Chief of Colonel Frederic Gilbert Bauer who served in the past as Department Commander and who has

always displayed great energy and devotion for the Sons of Union Veterans. To the office of Commander-in-Chief, Colonel Bauer brought great talents and an intense application to duty. We wish to express appreciation on behalf of the entire Department for his able and loyal services.

Sincere sympathy is expressed to Commander-in-Chief Bauer in the loss of his beloved brother, Charles Bauer, a member of Bay State Camp No. 61, who passed away recently. Charles Bauer had many friends and his absence will be deeply felt at Camp meetings.

The National Encampment in 1955 voted an increase in the per capita tax to the Commander-in-Chief of $.25 per quarter or $1.00 per year. This action caused the Council great concern during the current year since the amount now paid into the Department by the Camps amounts to only $1.00 per year, and paying out this entire sum would leave no income on which to operate the Department, save that from investments. In view of this action, your Council prepared a budget to the best of its ability taking into consideration this increase in per capita tax which becomes effective July 1, 1956. Any recommendation or budget of the Department Council is subject of course to the approval of the Department Encampment.

Throughout the current year, Department Secretary Leon H. Palmer has been helpful and co-operative in a most kindly manner, and your Council wishes to express its sincere appreciation.

Many other officers and members of the Sons of Union Veterans have given unselfishly of their time and efforts to do everything possible to promote the good of our Order. We could not begin to list their names and would not do so for fear that we might leave someone's name off the record who has worked earnestly all the year through. We know as well that they do not wish to receive public recognition for their kind tasks. However, we wish to thank them from the bottom of our hearts for their devotion to our Order.

The various district associations have run many well-managed entertainments, suppers, and other fine programs. There has been great co-operation with allied orders of the G. A. R. and altogether this has been a year marked with fine, progressive, interesting and most enjoyable affairs.

Many camps had well-planned programs with speakers to address members, and we feel that this planning will contribute to an interest in our Order among new and prospective members. Although as stated before, our Order continues to prosper financially, it is imperative that new blood be constantly infused in our Order. The more young men we are able to bring in to the Sons will help us to continue through the years to carry on the ideals and traditions to which we are pledged.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

SONS OF UNION VETERANS

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR YEAR 1956-1957

Estimated Receipts

Per Capita Tax on 1333 members @ $1.40	$1,866.20
Membership Fees on 35 members @ $1.00	35.00
Interest from Permanent Fund	650.00
Donations	100.00
Office Rent, from Auxiliary	112.50
Telephone, from Auxiliary	60.00
For Lights, from Auxiliary	5.00
Supplies	25.00
1956 Encampment Fund Registration, etc.	100.00
Ways and Means Committee	100.00
	$3,053.70

Estimated Disbursements

Per Capita Tax on 1333 members @ $.90	$1,199.70
1956 Encampment Expense	100.00
Salary of Department Secretary	500.00
Department Commander's Expense for Nat'l Encampment	100.00
Department Commander's Travel Expense	100.00
Postage, Printing, Stationery	200.00
Electric Lights	10.00
Telephone	125.00
Office Rent	300.00
Badge for Department Commander	10.00
Bank Service Charges	4.50
Safe Deposit Box	5.50
Donation to Department Auxiliary Ways and Means Com.	50.00
Officers' Bond Premiums	7.50
Printing Proceedings, 1956 Encampment	150.00
Miscellaneous Expense	25.00
American Coalition Subscription	10.00
Printing Rosters ( ) Mass. Dep. S.U.V.C.W.	75.00
Reserved for Additional Expense	81.50
	$3,053.70

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES HOOPER, Chr.
EDWIN J. LENNON, Sec.
HOWARD WAITE, Third Member

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Gains

	Init.	Rein.	Trans.	Total
March Quarter	1	1	0	2
June Quarter	2	4	0	6
September Quarter	0	1	4	5
December Quarter	2	0	0	2
	5	6	4	15

Losses

	Camps Disb.	Deaths	H.D.	Drop	Members Camps Disb.	Tot.
March Quarter	0	14	7	10	0	31
June Quarter	0	8	3	5	0	16
September Quarter	2	8	2	5	21	37
December Quarter	0	9	0	27	0	36
	2	39	12	47	21	120

September Quarter — Camp 46 Roxbury vol. disbanded.
Camp 100 Hanover consolidated with Camp 50

Losses-Gains

	Camps	Members
As of December 31, 1955	82	1438
Gains	0	15
	82	1453
Losses	2	120
As of December 31, 1956	80	1333

Supply Account

On hand March 31, 1955		$174.18
Purchases		9.75
		$183.93
Sales	$20.90	
Obsolete	5.08	
On hand March 31, 1956	154.10	
		180.08
	Profit	$ 3.85
Balance on hand March 31, 1955		$519.95

Receipts

Per Capita Tax	$1,161.15	
Fees	9.00	
Sale of supplies	20.90	
Auxiliary Convention Gift	325.00	
Registration Fees	101.00	
Ways and Means	87.10	
Patriotic Fund	86.50	
Collection	40.00	
Rent	103.12	
Light	5.32	
Telephone	57.95	
From Camp 46 on disbanding	58.54	
Dividends for Permanent Fund	770.02	
Total		2,825.60
		$3,345.55

Expenses

Per Capita Tax	$826.20	
Fees	2.50	
Reimburse to R. C. Call for Memorial Day	10.00	
Engraving P.D.C. Badge	3.75	
Rent	300.00	
Light	11.61	
Telephone	127.47	
Encampment Badges	13.50	
Rosters	79.55	
Salary of Secretary	500.00	
Postage	50.00	
Printing	69.44	
Stationery	62.59	
Officers' Bonds	7.50	
Insurance Premium	7.50	
National Patriotic Instructor	76.00	
Proceedings 1954	148.92	
Commander's National Encampment Expense	100.00	
Travel	75.00	
Gift to Lincoln Memorial	50.00	
Gift to Auxiliary	50.00	
Gift to D. U. V. Fair	10.00	
Encampment Expense	118.44	
P. D. C. Badge	10.00	
Safety Box, State St. Vault	5.50	
American Coalition	10.00	
Advance postage for Convention to A. A. Quinn	3.30	
State St. Trust Co. service charges	10.47	
Miscellaneous	19.94	
		2,759.18
Balance on hand March 31, 1956		$586.37

LEON H. PALMER

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

TRUST FUNDS

George C. Marshall Post #136, Rutland, Mass.

Total amount of fund March 31, 1955		$566.87
Received during the year:		
4 Dividends on 9 shares of stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co.		27.00
Interest on Bank balance		2.87
Total		$596.74
Withdrew from Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank for flags for G.A.R. Comrades		40.00
Balance on hand March 31, 1956		$556.74
The above made up as follows:		
8 shares stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co. Certif. #14044 cost	$396.00	
1 share stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., Certif. #18717 cost	46.00	
Balance in Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank Book #150934 March 31, 1956	114.74	
		$556.74

Couden-Higginson Camp #56, Cambridge

Amount of Fund March 31, 1955		$2,009.35
Received during the year:		
Dividends United Fruit Co.	$30.00	
Dividends American Tel. & Tel. Co.	54.00	
Dividends Western Mass. Cos.	24.20	
Total	$108.20	
Used to pay dues 1954	6.62	
Leaving this amount to be accounted for as follows		
Deposited in Bank	$101.58	
	94.85	
Cash on hand to be used	$6.70	
Amount in Cambridgeport Savings Bank Mar. 31, 1954		
Deposits		$200.86
Interest added		94.88
		18.34
Making amount in Bank		$314.08
Oct. 13, 1955, withdrew to buy 1 Com. Bond Am. Tel. & Tel.		100.00
Leaving balance in Bank, Book #207496, Mar. 31, 1956		$214.08

This shows the account as follows March 31, 1956:

Balance in Cambridgeport Savings Bank	$214.08
10 Shares United Fruit Co., Certif. H0225441 cost	539.40
5 Shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. Certif. BC93307 cost	776.00
1 Share Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. part of 3243498 cost	140.11
10 Shares Western Mass. Cos. part of 114149 cost	330.00
1 Share Western Mass. Cos. part of 128076 cost	29.60
1 Com. Bond Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. including rights cost	106.70
Cash to be used	6.70
Making total amount of Fund, March 31, 1956	$2,142.59

Showing gain for the year of $133.24.

Theodore Winthrop Camp #81, Chelsea

Amount of Fund March 31, 1955		$1,044.30
Received during the year:		
4 Dividends of $15.00 each, a total of $60.00 on 20 shares stock in Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co. which I have paid to the Treasurer of the Camp, showing the account March 31, 1956, to be as follows:		
20 Shares common stock in Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., Certif. #13423, cost	$1,000.00	
On deposit in the Suffolk First Federal Savings & Loan Assn. Book #3319	44.30	
Total amount March 31, 1956		1,044.30
Interest to be added		

Margaret Myers Fund

Amount of fund March 31, 1955		$368.98
Received during the year:		
4 Dividends United Fruit Co. stock	$15.00	
Amount paid Camp 56 for care of lot in Cemetery	12.00	
Made up as follows:		
5 Shares Com. stock United Fruit Co., Certif. #225440 cost	$269.70	
On deposit in Suffolk First Federal & Loan Assn. Book #3661	102.28	
	3.00	
	$374.98	
Interest to be added from Feb. 1954		

Bay State Camp #61, Boston

Amount of Fund March 31, 1955	$168.19
Received during the year from the Camp	24.00
Received during the year dividend on stock	10.19
Received during the year Bank interest	.62
Making total amount of Fund March 31, 1956	$203.00

Above made up as follows:		
10 Shares Com. Stock New England Electric Certif. #B303630 cost	150.71	

1 Share New England Electric System, Com. stock Certif. #B076788 cost	15.00	
Deposit in Provident Institution for Savings, Book #752385	37.29	
Amount of Fund March 31, 1956	$203.00	

Arnold Copenhagen Fund

Amount of Fund March 31, 1955		$6,654.20
Dividends received during the year:		
Ludlow Mfg. Co.	$62.00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	48.00	
United Fruit Co.	60.00	
Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	144.00	
Western Mass. Cos.	61.60	
	$375.60	

Total dividends received and be accounted for as follows:

Deposited in Charlestown Savings Bank	$146.62	
Deposited in Provident Inst. for Savings	63.40	
Received to pay M.T.A., for buses for Memorial Day	10.38	
Received to pay for rights Am. T. & T. Co.		247.20
Leaving a balance to be deposited of		$128.40

Showing account standing March 31, 1956, as follows:

20 Shares Com. Stock United Fruit Co. Certif. H0225442, cost	$1,078.81
25 Shares Western Mass. Com. Certif. 95576, cost	887.50
3 Shares Western Mass. Cos. Com. Certif. 128076, cost	88.80
5 Shares N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. Com. Certif. 251123, cost	569.43
1 Share N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. Com. Certif. 304453, cost	100.00
20 Shares Com. stock, Ludlow Mfg. Co., Certif. 37811, cost	720.00
14 Shares Com. stock Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	2,134.07
2 Shares Certif. M361459	
2 Shares Certif. M356217	
10 Shares Certif. BK98378	
2 Shares Com. Stock, part of Certif. S243998, cost	269.94
3 $100.00 bonds & rights Am. Tel. & Tel. Co., cost	326.80

Cash to be deposited	28.40	
Amt. in Charlestown Savings Bank, B233893	477.16	
Amt. in Prov. Inst. for Savings Bank 661476	226.88	
Making total Amt. of Fund March 31, 1956	$6,907.79	
Gain for year $253.59		

Benjamin J. Loring Organization Fund

Amount on hand March 31, 1955		$814.24
Invested in Home Savings Bank, Book #258021		
Interest to be added from October 1954 to date		

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund

Amount of Fund March 31, 1955		$45.20	$45.20
Added during the year:			
1954	$10.00		
1955	28.00		
Bank Interest	.68		
		38.68	38.68
		$83.88	$83.88
Aug. 23, 1955, withdrew from check for $50.00 to the Lincoln Memorial University		$28.65	$28.65
Leaving balance of Fund March 31, 1956		$55.23	$55.23
Deposited in the Home Savings Bank, Book #479888			
Interest to be added from April 1955			

Permanent Fund

Amount of Fund March 31, 1955		$10,029.11
Received during the year Dividends as follows:		
Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	$198.00	
Haverhill Gas & Electric Co.	135.00	
Eastern Utilities Asso.	4.30	
Ludlow Mfg. Co.	187.50	
Plymouth Cordage Co.	42.75	
Heywood Wakefield Co.	31.25	
Bird & Son	50.00	
Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co.	12.00	
Chapman Valve Co.	81.00	
S. D. Warren Co.	30.00	
	$771.80	
Less amount used to buy stock	1.78	
Leaving balance paid into the General Fund of the Department as voted of	$770.02	

Details of account as follows:

15	Shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. Certif. BXV1408 cost	$2,327.97
4	Shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. Certif. B211396, cost	530.13
3	Shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. Certif. part of 5243998, cost	410.05
50	Shares Haverhill Gas & Elec. 3848, cost	1,000.00
2	Shares Eastern Utilities Assos. T6581, cost	55.50
50	Shares Ludlow Mfg. Co. 37810, cost	1,800.00
15	Shares Plymouth Cordage Co. CB56110, cost	855.00
25	Shares Heywood Wakefield Co. B9002, cost	450.00
40	Shares Bird & Son, Inc., CO14462, cost	660.00
4	Shares Fitchburg Gas & Elec. Co. B8717, cost	184.00
27	Shares Chapman Valve Co. 3, cost	1,069.88
25	Shares S. D. Warren Co. B08971, cost	468.75
1	Com. Bond Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. TC104-819, cost	100.00
	Bal. in Charlestown Savings Bk. Book 405403	166.51
	Total amount of Fund March 31, 1956	$10,077.79

A little interest is to be added to the Bank account

I recommend that all of the interest and dividends received until further notice from the Permanent Fund be paid into the General Fund to assist in paying part of the expenses of the Department.

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE E. HUNT, Department Treasurer

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

May I present my report as Department Chaplain for the past year.

Your Chaplain has had the opportunity and privilege of becoming Chaplain of the National Commandery, through the kindness and friendship of our National Commander, Colonel Frederic Gilbert Bauer, who is our own pride and blessing, too.

Perhaps the fact that the Chaplain has been honored to fulfill that office in three different directions: the local Camp 61, Bay State, of Boston; our particular Massachusetts Department; and the National Commandery, would favor the view that this calling has many duties. However, the demands upon one's time and strength are not onerous.

The opening of sessions with prayer; the preparation for the participation in the annual Memorial Service; and occasional opportunities to share in the various forms of our activity, as, especially on Memorial Day, enable your minister to feel in a very special and patriotic way, the significance of our Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War organization!

I would merely, then, subscribe, in addition to thanks and high appreciation of the high trust, you, as Commander of the Department, have bestowed upon me, — a few lines, as written under the title:

THE BOYS IN BLUE

O Memory! at thy behest
We strew the tearful flower;
Nor Time's remove, nor gold's gross quest
Can blind us to thy power.

Thy spell is that of other days,
Of bugle call and battle;
Of trampling feet, of war's fierce ways,
Of death mid drum-beat rattle.

See! Triumphs of our nation's blood
Are marching steadfast on:
Peace, plenty, law and brotherhood;
And union, hatred gone.

Can we forget the Boys in Blue,
Our country's crowned defenders?
Mark well our tribute, sweet and true,
Such blossoms memory renders.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE HIBBERT DRIVER

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PUBLICITY SECRETARY

April 27, 1956

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

When I was appointed to this office of Dept. Publicity Secretary I realized my responsibility to the Department, but I also hoped for and expected the cooperation of the various camps and the newspapers.

I regret to report that I have not fulfilled my obligations satisfactory to myself and to the Department, largely due to lack of that cooperation.

My contributions to the Banner were not what I had hoped for two reasons.

First: I was unable to attend all functions throughout the state and while I did report on those I attended, I received no contributions from other camps or districts.

Second: Because of the fact that some contributions to the Banner direct instead of to me, with the result that duplicate items were printed. I had no idea what was being sent in by others, resulting in many interesting items and notices being omitted.

As for the newspapers, I have come to the conclusion that they are not particularly interested in our organization or any patriotic movement.

Also from the attitude of the city editors of the Boston papers I fully believe that our treatment of the press at our encampment in 1954 has not been forgotten.

Mrs. Elder, publicity secretary of the Auxiliary, and I furnished the Boston papers with pictures and material for the past two weeks and for our efforts we received one small item in the Boston Sunday Globe and a small item on the comic page of the Boston Daily Post.

I recommend that the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Massachusetts recognize the duties and responsibilities of the Department officers and assist them in the proper manner in carrying out those duties.

Yours in F., C. and L.
H. S. BOWEN, JR.
Dept. Publicity Secretary

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT ORGANIZER

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

In my year as Department Organizer I have visited many Camps in the State. The membership must realize that the conditions are somewhat of a problem in trying to organize a new camp. Some of the camps I have visited are just existing; by that I mean they are paying their per capita tax and that is all they are doing in order to hold their Charter. I have met with some measure of success in some places and in others I have met with nothing at all. There is much to do to organize a new camp. The location must be looked into and eligibles must be weeded out of the city or town whichever the case may be and also to see if they have any interest in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For them to carry on the work of the Order the same as their forefathers did in helping to preserve the Union. If enough **eligibles** are found to start a Camp it would be easy, but finding them is a very hard thing to do although there are **hundreds** in most any locality.

This takes much time and labor but I think that this is the only way to do it right. I have made a lot of suggestions to a few Camps about having a **joint** meeting once in a while with the Auxiliary (if there is one present) to see if they could create more interest in the Order and bring to the public's eye just what the Order stands for and what it was organized for.

As stated, I have tried my very best to at least **keep** the camps from going under so to say, even though they do not take in any new members they can at least hold their meetings when they are supposed to do and carry on the business of their own Camp in a businesslike manner. In my own opinion it is better to carry on with a few members than not to carry on at all.

I hope that I have done what the Department Organizer was supposed to do in carrying out the duties of the office he was appointed to, so in closing I wish to thank all the members of the organization for the wonderful assistance they have given me.

I remain yours in F., C. and L.,

CLARK W. MELLOR
Department Organizer

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

April 21, 1956

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

At our last Department Encampment, it was with some hesitation that I accepted the appointment to this office by my Friend and Brother, Department Commander Millard F. Brown. Conscious of the trust expressed and the honor conferred, I nevertheless wondered if I could find the time to complete this assignment properly.

In spite of my incapacitation for over two months with infectious hepatitis, the assistance, encouragement, and enthusiasm of so many of my Brothers (on national, departmental, and local levels) has helped my term of office to bring me one of the most thrilling and interesting years of my life. It seems worth mentioning here that this is an experience open to any one of us willing to work hard for the "Good of the Order." However, it is not a "some-time thing"; the occasional "Son" is just about as effective and convincing as the occasional patriot. Have you ever heard of an occasional "Communist"? Do we believe in our "truths" any less than they believe in their "lies"?

By the action of the last National Encampment, the reports of Patriotic Instructors were discontinued, at least until such time as a new and more up-to-date form has been evolved and accepted.

In an effort to be of service to the Department, I have mailed out over six circulars and much printed material on various national issues (as well as matters pertaining to ourselves) to every Brother whose address I could obtain.

As a further patriotic service (and a measure to bring our Order constantly before the general public), I obtained considerable newspaper publicity with a campaign to collect used postage stamps and encourage their collecting by hospitalized veterans as a recognized and excellent form of mental therapy. Attached to this report are the letters of thanks from grateful Directors of Veterans Administration Hospitals throughout Massachusetts — and some of the press notices.

Every one of our functions that it was physically possible for me to attend, was attended — from one end of the state to the other, and beyond — and I instructed in patriotism wherever and whenever called upon.

Not included in this report is a list of the events attended. I do not believe a mere recital of dates and places will be of either interest or value to this Encampment. However, some of these events should be mentioned because of their particular value to our work and in recognition of worth-while achievement.

To be especially commended are the Committees in charge of the following affairs: The Banquet and Reception to Miss Flora Bates, Dept. President of our Auxiliary in Worcester on June 25th, the Dedication Day Celebration in Holyoke on Nov. 26th, and the Annual Lincoln-Washington Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Associations in Roxbury on Feb. 25th. These functions were particularly outstanding for the inspired and provocative addresses by George A. Wells, our Associate from Willie Grout Camp of Worcester and present member of the Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To be also extolled was the speech by Brother Thomas Buckley at the Annual Washington-Lincoln Banquet of the Plymouth County Association in Abington on Feb. 18th, the Annual Memorial Exercises at the Lincoln Monument in Boston on Feb. 11th, and the informative and inclusive talk by Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer, our Commander-in-Chief, at the 30th Annual Banquet of the North Metropolitan District Association in Malden on April 7th.

We are indebted to Commander Edward Bresette of General George B. McClellan Camp No. 60 of Holyoke for informing us that his Camp has been successfully following the All-Year Americanism Program introduced by the late John Emery and adopted by the 73rd Annual National Encampment. It is suggested that any Camp following this program will be sure to increase its interest and satisfaction in its activities.

It is worthy of note that Massachusetts made a very neighborly gesture to our Brothers of the Rhode Island Department at their recent Encampment. We turned out in comparatively large numbers in order to enjoy a most pleasant visit with them.

Past Department Commander Frederick V. Bell wrote us a most erudite letter, in which he suggested that this Encampment take action on (and, then, forward to National) resolutions covering the issues of the United Nations and the Bricker Amendment. This suggestion is dealt with in my recommendation No. 3.

A special commendation to Past Department Commander Harold A. Drown for his exceptional handling of the History of this Order at that memorable occasion under the auspices of the Stoughton Historical Society on Jan. 16th.

To that eminent jurist and outstanding Brother, Judge Frank J. Donahue, P.D.C., goes this recognition of his faithful and generous support of the activities of this Department. An example of stability and worth, during a time of social and moral upheaval, Judge Donahue merits the attention and respect of every citizen.

My gratitude to my Massachusetts Brothers for their response to our Department Patriotic Fund. We have realized the sum of $139.50, with more to be hoped for before the Encampment is over. A list of contributors is attached to this report, but is too numerous to be read at this sitting — unless requested.

My further thanks to those who further helped the Fund by purchasing my "Name Labels." For the same reason as the foregoing, a list of purchasers is attached to this report.

Recommendations

1. As I cannot conceive of any patriotic project more conducive to the mental, moral and spiritual betterment of our nation than to try to "break through the thought barrier which keeps our young people from realizing their creative potentiality," I recommend that the entire amount raised this year for the Massachusetts Department Patriotic Fund be allocated to that center of culture and learning so closely associated with our Order — Lincoln Memorial University — either in the form of a scholarship, for their Library, or both.

2. The more general dissemination of the news of patriotic activities should be an important part of the concern of every Patriotic Instructor. Accordingly, this past year, every Brother with whom I have corresponded has received an application blank for THE BANNER. Therefore, it is recommended that, to the duties of the next Department Publicity Secretary, be added the responsibility for actively promoting an increase in the circulation of our official publication in this Department.

3. It is recommended that the "Resolutions" adopted by The American Coalition of Patriotic Societies at their Annual Convention in Washington, D. C., on Feb. 16, 1956 (and attached to this report), be adopted "in toto" by this Department as their own, replacing the name "The American Coalition of Patriotic Societies" with "The Massachusetts Department of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

4. It is also recommended to my successor in this office that he continue our patriotic service of supplying hospitalized veterans with the means to carry on a hobby both instructive and beneficial, thus also continuing a pleasant contact with the general public anent a very worthy cause.

5. We further recommend that the following Resolution be adopted by this body and forwarded to the House Judiciary Committee and the 75th National Encampment in Harrisburg, Pa.

Resolution

Whereas, there is presently before the House of Representatives of the United States of America a joint resolution (H. J. Res. 558) providing that four named holidays should always fall on a Monday, and

Whereas, the holidays in particular are: February 22nd, May 30th, July 4th, and November 11th — or better known as Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day, in that order — and

Whereas, the resolution (which must be concurred in by both the House and Senate) provides that if these dates fall on any day other than Monday, it shall be observed on the Monday nearest the day it actually occurs — therefore, be it

Resolved, that this 74th Massachusetts Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War firmly and unequivocally opposes any such brutal and cynical mishandling of

the identities of our National Holidays — and that we insist upon the beautiful and time-honored custom of decorating our Fathers' graves on May 30th, as well as celebrating our Independence Day on the far-famed Fourth of July.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
ERNEST G. WELLS
Patriotic Instructor

Contributions to the Massachusetts Department Patriotic Fund

Ernest G. Wells	$ 30.00
Sale of Name Labels (E. Wells)	15.00
Judge Frank J. Donahue, P.D.C.	10.00
Charles Russell Lowell Camp No. 9	10.00
Charles Russell Lowell Auxiliary No. 78	10.00
Orra L. Stone, P.D.C.	5.00
Henry F. Weiler, P.D.C.	5.00
Harold Shepardson, P.D.C.	5.00
Everad L. Cheney, P.C. (9)	5.00
John A. Hawes Camp No. 35	5.00
Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104	5.00
Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer, C.-in-C., and P.D.C.	3.00
Millard F. Brown, Dept. Commander	2.00
William O. Fuller, P.D.C.	2.00
Roy C. Call, P.D.C.	2.00
Harold Drown, P.D.C.	2.00
Gen. George A. Custer Camp No. 11	2.00
Couden-Higginson Camp No. 56	2.00
Sale of National Ribbons (L. Winchell, P.D.C.)	1.50
Allan Howland, P.D.C.	1.00
Edwin J. Lennon, Dept. Council	1.00
Rev. George H. Driver, Nat. and Dept. Chaplain	1.00
Francis W. Hubbard, P.C. (9)	1.00
Miss Blanche E. Scott (in memory of Father)	1.00
Gross	$126.50
Less Bill for Expenses	30.00
Net	$ 96.50
Maj. A. A. Powers Camp No. 5	5.00
	$101.50
Chas. H. E. Moran, P. C. in C.	3.00
Camp No. 60, Holyoke	3.00
	$107.50
Addison A. Quinn, P.D.C.	1.00
Edw. Bresette, Cmdr., 60	1.00
	$109.50
Carder A. Perkins, P.D.C.	2.00
Ralph Bickmore, P.C.	1.00
	$112.50

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 28, 1956

Opened at 11:00 A.M.

Commander Brown introduced his father to the Convention.

Chaplain Driver offered prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Department Commander Wyman of New Hampshire, Department Commander Crenner of Maine and Department Commander of Rhode Island were introduced.

Past Department Commander Hooper read report of the Council.

Mr. Bowman of the Sheraton Plaza was presented. He thanked the Organization for coming to the hotel and received thanks of the Department for the hospitality.

Counselor Bauer moved that the time and place of the next Department Encampment be left in the hands of the Executive Committee and motion was carried.

Commander Brown turned meeting over to S. V. Commander Day to attend lunch of Past Dept. Commanders and Past Dept. Presidents at 12:30.

Letter from Tremont Temple regarding increase of rent for headquarters read by the Secretary.

Counselor Bauer moved that the matter be left in hands of the Executive Committee with full powers. Motion was carried.

Publicity Secretary Bowen read his report.

Past Dept. Com. Drown stated that all items sent in by him for publication should be credited to Pub. Sec. Bowen.

Past Nat'l S. V. Commander Bell advised that several Publicity Agents be appointed to take care of local matters.

Past Commander Osborne favored all items be sent to the Department Publicity Secretary.

Dept. Patriotic Instructor Wells favored all Department news sent to the Banner, local news to local papers.

Department Organizer Mellor read his report and Patriotic Instructor Wells commended it.

Department Commander Brown returned and took over.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran asked the Convention to recommend the passage of Recommendation Number 5 of the Department Commander while Counselor Bauer was absent from the room. Consent was given, and recommendation was voted.

Past Department Commander Howland read resolutions and Past Department Commander Fuller moved they be referred to the committee. Carried.

Recessed at 12:30 to 2:00 P.M.

Reconvened at 2:15 P.M.

S. V. Commander Day moved that all nomination speeches be limited to two minutes. Carried.

Brother Lewis from Rhode Island presented.

Dep. P. I. Wells moved entire collection for the G. A. R. Memorial Fund be sent as a gift to the Lincoln Memorial University. Secretary Palmer objected. He thought a part should be reserved for our own Department Fund and that $75.00 would be a generous gift to the University. Brother Wells agreed and changed motion to $75.00 which was carried.

Committee on Resolutions reported and recommendations were adopted by Convention.

Committee on Constitution and Regulations reported and recommendations were adopted.

Letter from V. L. Gordon of Camp 9 was read and Past Commander Waite moved matter be left with Executive Committee to be settled within 90 days. Motion carried.

Visitors were admitted. P. D. C. Drown presented Mrs. Doris Hume, President W. R. C.; P. D. C. Call, Mrs. Dorothy Barber, Past President of Ladies of the G. A. R., and P.D.C. Fuller, Dorothy Earle of the D. U. V. All spoke. P. D. C. Fuller responded and the ladies retired.

A delegation from the Auxiliary arrived. P. D. C. Quinn presented P. D. P. Josephine Bates; P. D. C. Drown presented Department President Flora D. Bates; P. C. Bowen, Mrs. Barbara Brown; P. D. C. Call, National President, Mrs. Lenore Glass; P. D. C. Fuller, P. D. P. Ursula Shepardson. Friendly greetings and good wishes were extended by our Auxiliary Sisters and a Love Token of $100.00 was presented to our Department by the Department President, Sister Bates.

P. C. in C. Moran responded and delegation retired.

P. C. Waite moved the per capita tax be determined by vote of the Department at each Convention and for $1.40 annually for each member. Motion carried: 43 for, 4 No.

Brother Fuller reported for Committee on Officers reports and complimented the officers.

On the recommendations of the Department Commander, the committee approved Numbers #1-2-4 and 5 and moved adoption and Convention so voted. The Committee did not concur on 3 and Convention voted to sustain the committee.

On the recommendation of the S. V. Commander the committee concurred and moved adoption. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS

To the Officers and Members of the 74th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The Commander's remommendations and request have now been taken care of. If we continue as now:

Junior Vice Commander recommends a committee be appointed to assist Camps in securing new members. We concur.

Treasurer's recommendation that dividends from stocks in Permanent Fund be placed in the General Fund. We concur.

The Organizer's report has much merit. The recommendation in regard to Inspections be referred to incoming Commander for action as these men will have to be appointed by him for this duty.

Signed. WILLIAM O. FULLER
ADDISON A. QUINN
CHARLES H. E. MORAN

Chairman Weiler of the By-Laws Committee reported at length submitting each section separately and moved adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

P. D. C. Rule moved Committee be discharged with the heartfelt thanks of the Department. Carried.

The Credential Committee reported total registration 88.

Department Commander from New Hampshire admitted and spoke.

P. D. C. Weiler moved the budget be taken from the table. Carried.

Council Chairman Lennon moved the budget be adopted as read and motion was carried.

P. D. C. Cranner of Maine, D. C. of R. I., P. D. C. of N. H., and P. D C. Webster of Maine spoke.

Commander Nathaniel Gibbs, 87 years old, of Camp 35 spoke.

C.-in-C. Bauer was presented and spoke.

Motion carried that when no other nomination was made for an office, the Department Secretary cast one (1) ballot.

Tellers appointed Brothers Howland, Quinn and Drown.

All officers as nominated were elected.

Adjourned at 4:50.

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 29, 1956

Reconvened at 10:30 A. M.

O. C. Covey acted as Guide.

Officers elected and appointed announced by Commander.

P. D. C. Weiler moved new rate of per capita tax be effected July 1st and motion was carried.

P. C.-in-C. Moran spoke on Memorial services and moved they be held on Sunday mornings. Motion carried.

P. C. Waite moved that proceedings be printed with or without photographs and motion was carried.

P. D. C. Weiler reported for Convention Committee, cost $265.00, Sons share $101.50. Profit on sale of cups, $18.50. Report accepted and committee discharged.

P. D. C. Rule reported loss of tools belonging to Commander Brissette of Camp 60; value about $35.00, settlement to be left with the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

P. C.-in-C. Moran installed the following officers, assisted by P. D. C. Rule as Guide, P. C. Mellor as Color Guard and P. D. C. Howland as Chaplain.

Commander, John L. Day.

Senior Vice Commander, Everett M. Atwood.

Junior Vice Commander, Herbert W. Bogue.

Council, Edwin J. Lennon, Millard F. Brown, Howard E. Waite.

Executive Committee, Col. Frederic G. Bauer.

Secretary, Leon H. Palmer.

Counselor, Col. Frederic G. Bauer.

Chaplain, Rev. George H. Driver.

Patriotic Instructor, Robert L. Wood.

Publicity Secretary, William W. Haskell.

Chief of Staff, Carden A. Perkins.

Organizer, Clark W. Mellor.

Musician, John B. Davis.

Personal Aide, John L. Day, Jr.

Owing to illness Treasurer Hunt was not installed at this time.

Secretary Palmer presented the Past Department Commander's badge to retiring Commander Brown and P. C.-in-C. Moran presented a cash gift from the membership.

P. D. P. Pamelia S. Elder and P. D. C. Perkins each presented P. D. C. Brown with a gift.

The new Commander's wife, son and cousin, Mrs. Nora Robinson, were presented to the Convention.

Closed at 11:15 A.M.